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BLOCKADE OF CUBA!

U.S. Will Sink Red Ships That Resist Quarantine

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UPI White House Reporter

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 22—President Kennedy Monday night clamped a naval blockade on Cuba.

He said Soviet missiles and other offensive weapons had turned the island into an armed camp capable of hurling destruction into the heart of America.

At the same time, the President warned Russia that the United States would respond with an attack on the

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Soviet Union if a nuclear missile is launched from Cuba against this nation or any other country in the Western Hemisphere.

The Defense Department said foreign ships would be searched and sunk, if necessary, to enforce the blockade, which will become fully effective in a day or two. Officials said action also would be taken against any aircraft thought to be carrying arms.

Mr. Kennedy said the Navy quarantine meant that "all ships of any kind bound for Cuba, from whatever nation or port, will, if found to contain cargoes of offensive weapons, be turned back." He said the quarantine would be extended to other types of cargoes and carriers, if necessary.

He said the United States did not want war with Russia and called on Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev to halt "this clandestine, reckless and provocative threat" to peace. He said it was Khrushchev's chance to move the world back from "the abyss of destruction."

In a nationwide radio-television report to the people

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President's Complete
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A tense and determined President as he addressed the nation. —UPI Telephoto

Missile-Carrying Ship Is Key Target of Navy

Compiled From UPI and AP Dispatches

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23—A huge Soviet ship specially rigged to carry ballistic missiles was described by defense sources Tuesday as a key target of U.S. forces blockading Cuba.

If it continues on its normal schedule in the face of the Cuba quarantine, these sources said, the Russian vessel should turn up in the Atlantic before long.

It was said to have completed a delivery to Cuba in recent days and to have returned to Russia.

The first tests of the blockade were expected long before the special missile transporter could start a return voyage to Cuba. But if the prize quarry should cross the Atlantic again, it will be requested to submit to search like other ships and ordered to change course away from Cuba if it is carrying the usual missile cargo.

The Navy is prepared to sink it if necessary to keep it out of Cuba.

Russian reaction to the blockade was expected to be violent.

Kennedy spoke late for comment in the Soviet press Tuesday morning. But Pravda, the Soviet Communist Party organ, declared in its international review:

"The atmosphere of military hysteria which seized Washington in recent days clearly indicates that the aggressors intend to continue their reckless playing with fire to bring international tension to red heat."

Moscow radio in a broadcast shortly before Mr. Kennedy's speech charged:

"Washington is once again raising its armed fist over Cuba and once again threatening the peace and tranquility of the people. All the action of the United States fleet and planes in the Caribbean area are of an openly provocative nature aimed at the Cuban people."

U.S. Ready to Sink Any Red Ship Running Blockade

By VANCE TRIMBLE
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22—Several Russian ships now are heading toward Cuba—and within possibly 24 to 36 hours will have the first encounter with the new U.S. blockade.

Unless the Red ships halt for search, the U.S. Navy will sink them.

We have clear photographic proof the Soviets have set up mobile missiles in Cuba that could hurl nuclear warheads into any mid-American city. They now are aimed at us.

That could happen this instant, and we'd have little warning; and we couldn't stop the rockets.

Bigger bases are just "a few weeks" from completion. These would enable the Russians to fire a nuclear missile to any U.S. city—except a few in the Northwest.

Our reconnaissance photos show Russian jet bombers have been assembled on Castro's island. These could bomb U.S. cities 700 miles from Havana.

These "offensive weapons" will be removed—regardless of what military action the U.S. has to take to remove them.

You can expect some shooting and some "American losses."

This is the official picture today. It was spelled out—in grave, stern words—by a Defense Department spokesman.

This one is for real.

In a dramatic 1-hour briefing, the defense spokesman indicated the Cubans probably will attack our military reconnaissance planes still flying over the island. In that case, we will fire back at the attackers, not the whole of Cuba.

It would take an H-bomb attack on us to trigger all-out war on Russia—and Cuba.

Here are the key points the U.S. spokesman made:

Q. How many ships will the Navy use in the quarantine (blockade)?

A. More than enough.

Q. Would U.S. search of a Russian ship be an act of war?

A. No. Our action is based on the Rio Treaty, and is legal.

Q. Is there a boundary beyond which ships will be halted for search?

A. No. Any ship that is determined to be bound for Cuba—Russian or otherwise—will be intercepted by air patrol. If the captain refuses to obey a radio order to halt, Navy ships will block his way. If he then stops, a party will board, check his manifest, inspect his cargo and if offensive weapons are found he will be permitted to go to any port of his choice—except Cuba.

Q. If he refuses?

A. Force will be used.

Q. Is the Navy prepared to sink Russian ships?

A. Yes.

Q. What are classified as offensive weapons?

A. We have given the Navy a list. I can't disclose it here. It may be changed from time to time. (The implication was clear that jet planes and rockets probably headed the list).

Q. How can we be certain there are Russian missile bases in Cuba?

A. (Showing enlarged aerial photos) thousands of feet of film have been studied under microscope in the last few days. You can see details—trailers, erected rockets, tracks, tents, everything in detail.

Q. Do they have nuclear warheads in Cuba?

A. Our type of intelligence can't

determine that. It would be inconceivable that they wouldn't.

Q. Any Russian jet bombers in Cuba?

A. (Showing enlarged aerial photo)—Yes. Here are IL-28s (1950 sub-sonic jet). We saw them on ships 10 to 14 days ago, followed them. Here they are on an airfield. Some crates are open and you see wing being attached to fuselages. They are now lined up in larger numbers.

Q. How will we enforce our quarantine in the air?

A. That is not critical. The Russians have only six (correct transport planes that could be used. (to take rockets and heavy equipment to Cuba). That is not significant now.

Q. What are the Soviet ships now en route carrying?

A. We don't know. We intend to find out.

Q. When will the first head-on test between the U.S. Navy and a Russian ship come?

A. (Speaking Monday evening—In a matter of a short time—a day or two.

Q. Where are these Russian ships?

A. At various places.

Q. Was Soviet Ambassador Gromyko shown these reconnaissance pictures by the President?

A. I don't think Gromyko need to be shown.

Q. Will we bomb the Cuban bases to eliminate them, if the Russians don't move them?

A. The President said to use the necessary action.

Q. Are we prepared for Russian retaliation in Berlin?

A. We are on world alert, prepared for whatever action is necessary.

Q. Is there any information the Soviets have regarding bases in Cuba?

A. No. They have Komar class PT boats equipped with small missiles, designed for use against ships.

Q. Have the Cubans tried to knock out our recon planes?

A. They have, but you can assume as we move further into this surveillance, we will face losses.

Q. What is there to protect the American public from missiles?

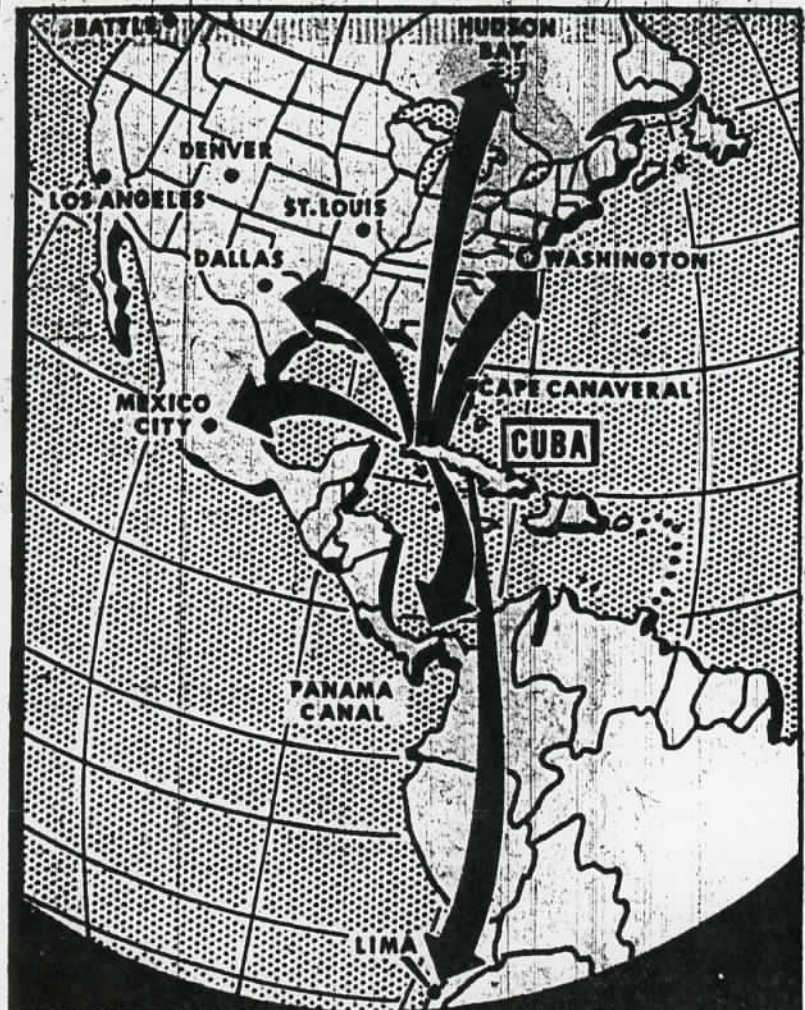
A. Civil defense, sadly short-changed by the last Congress.

Castro Orders War Footing

HAVANA, Oct. 22—(UPI)—The Cuban government announced Tuesday that Premier Fidel Castro gave the "order of combat alert" to all Cuban armed forces. The country's combat units "were placed on a war footing."

"Hundreds of thousands of men were mobilized in only a few hours," the announcement said. "squads of the United Party and all organizations of the masses are mobilizing with impressive patriotic fervor... the nation is awake and on a war footing ready to repel any attack."

"Each weapon in its place and beside each weapon are the heroic defenders of the revolution and country."



Cuba-based missiles menace areas in a 1000-mile radius and others under construction will double the range of destruction.

—UPI Telephoto.

Free World Backing America

Compiled From UPI and AP Dispatches

Free world reaction to President Kennedy's blockade of Cuba was generally favorable.

It was early Tuesday in some capitals when Mr. Kennedy spoke, and comment was sketchy or unavailable at that hour.

Moscow reports said Mr. Kennedy's action was expected to bring a sharply critical reaction from the Kremlin. Western observers in the Soviet capital expected the Russians to move and speak cautiously.

It was believed the first Soviet move would be to mount a major propaganda campaign aimed at picturing the United States as a hysterical giant threatening a smaller neighbor.

In Havana, the Fidel Castro regime reacted to the President's orders by putting its armed forces on an alert. A top Havana propagandist, Luis Gomez Vanguerment, warped: "We are not alone."

power conference which has been struggling with the disarmament problem in Geneva.

In West Germany, a spokesman said Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's government "welcomes the determination of the U.S. Government to counter the dangers arising from this situation."

He added: "The U.S. President, with great seriousness, pointed to the dangers threatening the free world through the erection of Soviet rocket launching sites on Cuba."

The British Foreign Office said

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'It was night in the lonesome October'

—Edgar A. Poe, 'Ulalume.'

U.S. Weather Bureau FORECASTS

Tuesday, Oct. 23, 1962
Beaver and vicinity—Partly cloudy Tuesday becoming generally fair Tuesday night and Wednesday; cooler Tuesday; warmer Wednesday. High Tuesday lower on Wed. 25.
Colorado—Southern areas of light rain or drizzle; northern Tuesday morning becoming partly cloudy Tuesday afternoon; generally fair west and south Tuesday and over the state Tuesday night and Wednesday; cooler east Tuesday; warmer, sunny Wednesday. High Tuesday, low Wednesday. 25 to 25; northern and mostly 20; elsewhere at lower elevations low, 15 to 25; high mountain valleys 20 to 40; lower elevations.
Washington—Generally cloudy with scattered drizzle or light rain; Tuesday early Tuesday morning becoming partly cloudy Tuesday afternoon, fair west Tuesday and over the state Tuesday night and Wednesday; little cooler southwest, Tuesday, turning cool Wednesday. High Tuesday, low Wednesday. 25 to 25; northern and mostly 20; elsewhere at lower elevations low, 15 to 25; mountains 20 to 40; lower elevations.

MOBILITY TEMPERATURES

Alps—Observations
High—55 to 65; low—35 to 45 degrees
Frost—5 to 15 degrees
Precipitation this month .05 inch

NATIONAL WEATHER REPORT

Stations	High	Low	Stations	High	Low
Akron, Ohio	66	43	Lander	63	49
Alamosa	67	21	Laramie	62	36
Altoona	71	45	Las Vegas	63	31
Anniston	65	43	Leadville	63	30
Atlanta	70	51	Lima	72	38
Baltimore	64	42	Los Angeles	69	28
Bismarck	48	20	Louisville	66	28
Boston	66	41	Memphis	73	58
Butte	60	44	Miami	80	72
Camper	61	24	Milwaukee	57	27
Cherry	66	26	Minneapolis	66	42
Chicago	66	42	New Orleans	62	45
Cincinnati	64	24	New York	66	54
Cleveland	63	29	North Platte	62	42
Colo. Springs	66	43	Ocala, Fla.	82	62
Columbus	63	27	Omaha	64	48
Craig	47	24	Philadelphia	64	29
Dayton	63	28	Phoenix	80	52
Denver	72	38	Pittsburgh	60	27
Des Moines	61	24	Portland, Me.	56	42
Detroit	66	41	Portland, Ore.	61	52
Dodge City	74	48	Portland, N.H.	62	42
El Paso	70	26	Rapid City	47	29
Elmer	68	28	St. Louis	62	42
Evansville	63	29	Rock Springs	60	42
Farmonington	66	38	Rocky Mt.	62	42
Fl. Collins	71	48	Seattle	61	23
Fl. Worth	63	27	St. Louis	74	51
Franklin	67	19	Salt Lake C.	87	27
Galveston	61	24	San Antonio	61	42
Gooding Kan.	67	29	San Diego	70	54
Grand Junction	61	29	San Francisco	70	52
Grand Rapids	64	28	Seattle	61	23
Havana	61	46	Seattle	61	23
Indianapolis	61	24	Shelby	64	42
Kansas City	61	24	St. Louis	62	42
La Junta	73	43	Wash. D.C.	68	48

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Colorado-Wyoming Area Key U.S. Combat Spot

By ROBERT L. FERRIN and W. T. LITTLE
Rocky Mountain News Writers

The Colorado-Wyoming area occupies a key position at the center of the nation's vast offensive-defensive system as it faces the critical hours of the Cuban crisis.

Air defenses of the entire North American continent is directed at Colorado Springs, from the windowless, 2-story brick and cement blockhouse which contains the Combat Operations Center of the North American Air Defense Command.

On the plains east and southeast of Denver, 18 Titan I missiles are combat ready in their underground silos.

Missiles Are Ready

At 13 sites within a 70-mile radius of Cheyenne, 24 Atlas missiles rest on their pads or in underground launching pits, ready to be sped on errands of nuclear destruction by an order from Strategic Air Command in Omaha.

NORAD, the Atlas and Titan sites and other factors make the area a prime target if the buttons are pressed to start nuclear global war, and they also give the area a major role in the defensive building now tensing the nation.

In the event of nuclear war, it would be from NORAD at Ent Air Force Base in Colorado Springs that word would be flashed for the retaliation which would result in the destruction of any aggressor nation.

Among the manufacturers of that destruction would be the 18 Titans on duty in Colorado and the 24 Atlases stationed in Wyoming, Northern Colorado and Western Nebraska in the complex centered on Cheyenne.

At NORAD Tuesday, security regulations were tightened as an intensive effort was under way to tighten U.S. radar defenses to the south.

Most of NORAD's defensive sys-

tem, from which electronic eyes scan the skies of the hemisphere for unknown aircraft or missiles, concentrates to the north, since until the last few days the great threat loomed from Russia.

New radar networks now are being hastily thrown up against the new threat from the south. They will utilize land-based installations. Navy radar planes and equipped aircraft.

NORAD's electronic computers receive and process thousands of messages daily. Much of the evaluation of information and the tracking of suspicious objects in the sky can be done electronically.

But key decisions must be reached by Gen. John K. Gerber, commander in chief, and his battle staff.

New security strength was in evidence around Ent Air Base Tuesday. Visitors were being more carefully screened. Even long-time officers were being required to show identifications. Air policemen were armed with weapons ready for use.

Briefings Held

Conferences and briefings were under way around the clock, and more high-ranking officers were apparent in the comings and goings. But there was little sign of tension; most of the offices appeared to be on a business-as-usual basis.

"After all," a NORAD colonel said, "this is what we're here for. We've been getting ready for just this type of operation for a long time."

Any decisions flashed from NORAD would be carefully weighed in high places. Direct telephone lines link the center with President Kennedy's desk, the Pentagon, SAC headquarters in Omaha and with Canadian defense headquarters in Ottawa.

The Titan and Atlas launching sites in Colorado-Wyoming-Nebraska occupy a historic, as well as a vital position in the U.S. missile system.

The Titan sites east of Denver were the first Titan bases in the nation to be placed in combat-readiness. The Atlas complex around Cheyenne was the second operational system of Atlases, and Ft. Francis E. Warren at Cheyenne, the Atlas unit headquarters, was the first purely missile command in the U.S. Air Force.

Sizable Force

The numbers of men involved in the Colorado-Wyoming system of offense-defense for the nation is sizable. About 5000 are stationed at Ent Air Base at NORAD or in support of its mission. Some

1100 men man the six Titan launching sites—three each—east of Denver.

How many are involved in the Atlas complex became a matter of classified information Tuesday, when SAC finished new security regulations to Ft. Warren.

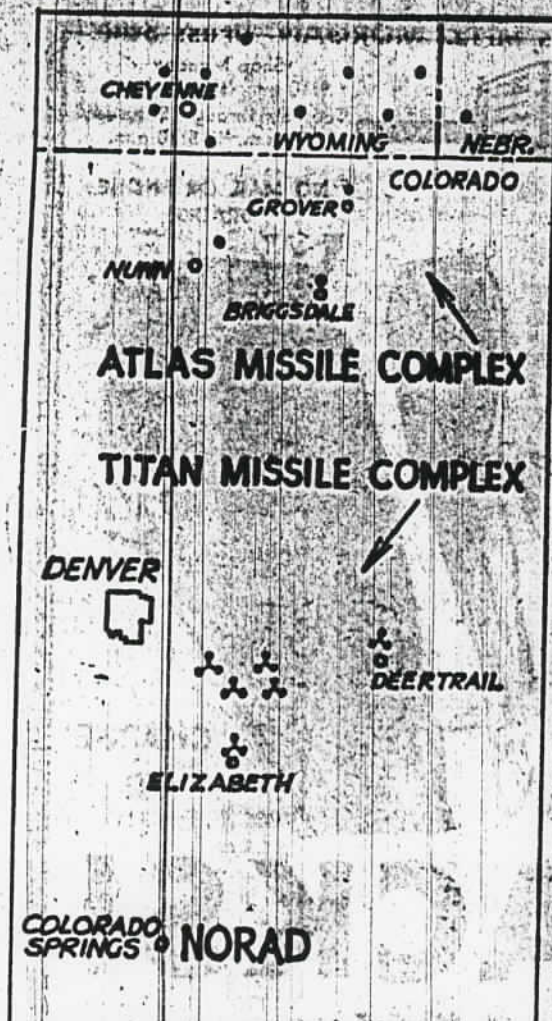
Under the regulations, the only information Ft. Warren now makes public is that since July last year 50 percent of the SAC striking force has been on constant 15-minute alert and that there has now been a "further increase" in the "alert capability."

The Titan I missiles on guard east of Denver are manned by the officers and men of the 451st Strategic Missile Wing of SAC. The missiles are 2-1/2 mile devices carrying a nuclear warhead "more than 6000 miles" at speeds in excess of 17,000 miles per hour.

The Atlas missiles have a range of 6225 miles with a target radius of less than two miles. They also are nuclear warhead armed. An Atlas stands 22 1/2 feet high.

Manning the Atlas complex is the 329th Strategic Missile Wing

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Key positions of the Colorado-Wyoming area in the Cuban crisis is graphically shown in this map. At the north, a complex of 12 Atlas missile launching sites, centered on Cheyenne. East of Denver, 18 long-range Titan I missiles in clusters of three at six sites. At Colorado Springs, the vital hemisphere air defense headquarters of the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD).
Rocky Mountain News Map by Jack Shannon.

Body of California Hunter Found, Sending Toll to Six

Colorado's young big game hunting season claimed its sixth victim Monday when a California hunter was found dead in the rugged mountain country 15 miles southeast of Eagle.

Eagle County Coroner Dick Miller said the body of Homer A. Righetti, 52, of Cayucos, Calif., still had not been recovered late Tuesday, because of the rugged terrain.

Found by Partner

Righetti's body was found by his hunting partner, Richard Hilliard of Cayucos, on a rocky slope of Adam Mountain. Attempts by Eagle County Sheriff's officers to recover the body Monday night and again Tuesday afternoon failed, Miller said. A third attempt was made Tuesday night.

Another California hunter died Saturday in a hunting camp near Rifle. Paul R. Sloan, 66, of Chula Vista was the victim of a cerebral hemorrhage as was Norman J. Elliott, 58, of Denver.

Richard Lay, 26, of Durango, is in critical condition with a gunshot wound in the left leg. Lay, a U.S. Forest Service employe, lost considerable blood before he was discovered. The hunter who accidentally shot Lay fled in panic after the mishap, the wounded man told authorities.

A second gunshot victim, Clay Aslin, 59, of Colorado Springs, was reported in good condition in a Glenwood Springs hospital with a bullet wound in the neck. Aslin was wounded while hunting in the Sweetwater Lake area 35 miles northeast of Glenwood Springs.

Other Injuries

Two other injuries and a heart attack were reported Tuesday.

Hunting Casualties

FATALS	
Gunshot wounds	2
Heart attacks	2
Other causes	2
NON-FATAL	
Gunshot wounds	2

Donald Brand, 38, of Golden, is being treated for face burns in a Glenwood Springs hospital after a camp stove exploded.

Stanley M. Landly of Prescott, Ariz., is in a Grand Junction hospital with arm injuries suffered when a tractor he was using to pull his car from a mudhole overturned on him.

Clyde Nichols of Niceville, Fla., suffered a heart attack en route to a hunting camp near Meeker. He's in a Meeker hospital where his condition was described as satisfactory.

The state Game and Fish Department Tuesday placed the 3-day deer count at 9223, plus 448 elk and 11 bear. The total is down slightly from this time a year ago, according to Keith Hay, Game and Fish regional information officer.

Hay attributed the drop to a "less liberal season on the Western Slope." The 3-deer areas have been eliminated and there are fewer 2-deer areas, he reported.

The heaviest kill has occurred in Northwestern Colorado, according to Hay. He said the Idaho Springs check station, which handles most of the hunters returning from the Northwest, had counted 377 deer.



Armed Air Policeman Jeff Cliff takes up his new post as NORAD's combat operations center.
—Rocky Mountain News Photo by Richard Edie

Blockade Action Cuts Off Flow of Cuban Refugees

The U.S. blockade of Communist Cuba has all but halted the flow of refugees into this country, the Rt. Rev. Elmer J. Kelka, director of Catholic Charities in Denver, revealed Tuesday.

The two principal airlines serving the Communist island fortress, KLM and Pan American Airways, have suspended flights in and out of Cuba, he said.

at the Miami Refugee Center each month. Catholics have resettled an average of two or three a week in Denver and a total of 375 since March 1961.

An additional 17 children, whose parents remained in Cuba, have been resettled in Denver, he added.

"Some of our people are excited about the United States' action against Cuba," Mgr.