

Partly cloudy and cooler today with highs near 62. Cloudy with a chance of rain tonight. Yesterday's high, 72; low, 37. (Details and Map, Page 28.)



Khrushchev Agrees To Pull Missiles Out Of Cuba; Kennedy Hails Move, Asks Speed In Dismantling; Thant Flies To Havana Tomorrow To See Castro

SECRETARY GENERAL SENDS LETTER VOICING HIS HOPES FOR PEACE

U.N. Chief Intends To Check Any Havana Tendency To Upset Washington-Moscow Accord On Crisis

By PAUL W. WARD (Sun Staff Correspondent) New York, Oct. 28—Apprised that Soviet Premier Khrushchev has accepted President Kennedy's terms for a truce on the East-West struggle's Caribbean front, U Thant moved this evening to check any tendency Cuba's Fidel Castro might have to upset the arrangement.

The Secretary General of the United Nations intends to enplane for Havana Tuesday morning for "direct discussions on the present crisis."

"It would be my hope," Thant added in a letter he sent Castro in the late afternoon, "that as a result of these discussions a solution would be reached by which the principle of respect for the sovereignty of Cuba would be assured, and it may also be possible for action to be taken which would reassure other countries which have felt themselves threatened by recent developments in Cuba."

Kennedy Letter Three hours after the letter's publication here Thant received a confidential, written communication from President Kennedy in circumstances suggesting it: 1. Stressed United States concern that there was still no indication dismantling of Soviet missile bases in Cuba actually has begun.

2. Served polite notice the United States will maintain its blockade and surveillance of Cuba at least until such evidence is forthcoming. 3. Indicated what kind of verification system President Kennedy would have the United Nations set up in Cuba to insure not only that the dismantling promised by Khrushchev actually begins but also that no new construction is instituted once the dismantling of existing installations has been completed.

Air Aide With Stevenson Joseph Charyk, Under Secretary of the Air Force, accompanied Adlai E. Stevenson tonight when, as Ambassador to the United Nations, he delivered the President's latest message to Thant.

No explanation was forthcoming as to why Thant is going Tuesday, instead of tomorrow, or what, if any, immediate measures he is taking to overcome Castro's opposition to admission of United Nations observers to Cuba to check on fulfillment of Khrushchev's pledge to halt construction of and dismantle Soviet missile installations there.

Nor was any information obtainable from Thant or his aides as to who will fill in his absence the role he has played to date in the East-West "negotiations" that, he said in a letter to Castro Friday, "are now under way."

"I hope to bring a few aides with me and to leave some of them behind to continue our common effort towards the peaceful solution." (Continued, Page 8, Column 6)

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SEA PATROLS REMAIN ON FULL ALERT

Operating Schedule To Continue Pending New Orders

By MARK S. WATSON (Sun Military Correspondent) Washington, Oct. 28—Lacking new instructions from the President, the Pentagon up to a late hour tonight kept its sea and air patrols in the Atlantic on the full operating schedule laid down last Monday.

Other combat elements of Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force, both at home and abroad, likewise remain on alert, ready for orders.

The 24 troop carrier squadrons of the Air Force Reserve (14,214 men in 20 states) that were called to active duty last night are apparently in readiness for further orders. None has yet moved out from its home station.

Continue To Work At the Pentagon itself, all key personnel from the Defense Secretary, Robert S. McNamara, and Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, on down the civilian and military chains of command, have been at work throughout day and evening precisely as though this were a weekday.

A good many of them will stay on through the night, as they have been doing since last Sunday. This apparently will continue until the Cuban crisis is really settled.

The statement from Premier Khrushchev, seemingly promising the dismantling of Russian rocket bases in Cuba and return of the weapons to Russia, has eased tension markedly. It has not visibly reduced the combat readiness of any military unit or the watchfulness of the command.

Whether there will be any more Cuba-bound ships halted and searched, it is indicated, will depend on whether any more of them undertake to enter the blockade area. The Navy's stop-search order, with authorization of "whatever force is necessary" to insure compliance, continues in effect.

No New Photos The completeness and the promptness of Russia's execution of the Khrushchev promise are yet to be demonstrated. It may be noted, however, that the Pentagon today released no additional air surveillance photographs and refrained from further discussion of whether the Russian technicians on duty at the Cuban bases have discontinued their high-speed tasks of completing the airbases and setting up the missile launchers. This silence manifestly was due to high-level instructions based on the natural desire to avoid incursions.

Rockefeller Victory Seen Bringing Him Little Glory

By JOSEPH R. L. STERNE (Sun Staff Correspondent)

New York, Oct. 28—Strictly by inadvertence, the divided and disorganized Democratic party in New York State may have come up with a secret weapon this year.

Putting a double edge on that old political saw that you can't beat somebody with nobody, they may cut Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller's impending reelection victory down to meaningless size.

For Rockefeller, a somebody who is gunning for the Republican Presidential nomination in 1964, finds himself pitted against a man whose defeat will bring little glory.

Name is Distinguished Robert M. Morgenthau, the Democratic candidate, is not exactly a nobody, but he is a newcomer to politics, and a fairly colorless one at that. A former United States attorney and the son of Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury in the Franklin Roose-

Menon Still Retains Nehru's Confidence

Defense Ministry Denies Resignation Report; Eastern, Western Battlefronts Quiet

By PHILIP POTTER (New Delhi Bureau of The Sun)

New Delhi, Oct. 28—Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, it appeared tonight, is going to fight the Chinese with the team that he's got — at least for the present.

An official spokesman for the Defense Ministry, reporting little action on the battlefronts, except in one sector, characterized as "incorrect" reports that V. K. Krishna Menon, Defense Minister, had resigned. He also stated officially that Lt. Gen. B. M. Kaul, chief of the army general staff, tomorrow will resume command of the frontier corps fighting in India's North East Frontier Agency.

Bronchitis Strikes On October 10, Kaul developed a severe case of bronchitis while watching from a 2,000-foot ridge a battle north of the Namkhachou River.

He was evacuated to New Delhi for treatment and command devolved on a deputy during the heavy offensive launched across the river by the Chinese a week ago yesterday.

Meanwhile, it appeared that Indian troops were having a breathing spell after eight days of heavy battle and retreats, which cost both sides heavy casualties.

Although no figures have been given out, they obviously run into the thousands. The Defense Ministry spokesman mentioned no fighting today in the North East Frontier Agency and left the inference that the enemy may be pausing to regroup in the area north of the Sela Ridge on the west and in the area north of Walong on the east.

These are the spots where the Chinese have made their deepest penetrations. There also was no news of fighting in the vicinity of Daulat-bogodi and Chushul, northern and southern Indian bases in Ladakh, but the spokesman told of a bitter encounter yesterday at Demchok, at the extreme south end of Ladakh and said it was still going on last night.

Border Posts Attacked He said that Chinese in considerable strength had attacked border posts around Demchok at three or four points. All held out despite fierce fighting except one.

Caracas, Venezuela, Oct. 28 (AP)—Saboteurs believed to be followers of Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro blew up four oil company power stations in Lake Maracaibo early today, knocking out one sixth of Venezuela's oil production. Venezuela is the world's leading oil exporter.

The bombs destroyed transformer stations of the Creole Petroleum Company, a subsidiary of Standard Oil of New Jersey. A Creole spokesman said the entire Creole field in the oil-rich lake was rendered inoperable.

Authorities seized two men, believed to be the bombers, swimming in debris in the lake. Police said they believed a third man, the apparent ringleader, was killed when one of the explosions blew up the saboteurs' boat.

Called Expert Job Police said they believed one of the bombers was a Creole employee because of the expertise with which the saboteurs knocked out the field.

Eighteen sticks of dynamite failed to explode at one of the power stations in the Tijaona field near Cabimas, a town on the northeast shore of Lake Maracaibo. The lake, about 300 miles west of Caracas, is roughly 75 miles wide and 130 miles long and holds beneath its waters one of the world's richest stores of oil.

The Creole spokesman said the blasts came before dawn and knocked out the transformers that convert the voltage powering the company's rigs in the lake, thus stopping Creole's daily production of 525,000 barrels of oil. In all, Venezuela produces about 3,000,000 barrels a day, most for export.

Ministers Summoned The spokesman said it would take at least a month to get the field back into full production. In the meantime, however, the company has enough crude oil stored to meet its international obligations, the spokesman said.

President Romulo Betancourt summoned ministers to an emergency meeting to plan stricter security measures to guard Venezuela's oil fields, the primary source of the nation's wealth. The bombers struck only a few hours after Betancourt announced that he had authorized mobilization of the Venezuelan armed forces to counter what he called the threat to Venezuela of "the reservoir of Soviet nuclear rockets in Cuba."

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U.S. AWAITING CUBA ACCORD ON INSPECTION

Castro's Guantanamo Assertion Raises New Doubts

By HOWARD NORTON (Washington Bureau of The Sun)

Washington, Oct. 28—It is not yet time to say "the crisis is over." This is the best available opinion here this afternoon in the light of Premier Khrushchev's latest message.

One vital matter remains to be worked out—a system of inspection on the ground, in Cuba, to guarantee that Premier Khrushchev actually is removing the offensive missiles from the island.

Next Move Thant's Until a system of inspection is accepted by Russia, the United States—and by Fidel Castro—everything remains as it was; the quarantine-blockade stays in place and there is no guarantee that hemisphere forces will not invade.

The next move is up to U Thant, acting Secretary-General of the United Nations. And he faces a mountain of complications. The system of inspection, for example, must be thorough enough to satisfy the United States, yet not so thorough as to give away any Soviet missile secrets.

But the agreement of the Soviet Union and the United States is not enough.

Guantanamo Evacuation Russia is not so completely in control of Cuba that it can admit United Nations inspectors to missile bases without Cuba's approval. And Castro, only today, raised some new doubts and fears by declaring in a radio speech that the United States evacuation of Guantanamo must be one of the conditions of settlement.

There is very good information to the effect that this country has no intention of giving up Guantanamo. Another big imponderable situation also hangs over the conference tables today: The possibility of a Kremlin shake-up.

Kremlin "Great Debate" The erratic hot-and-cold, up-and-down nature of the messages coming from the Kremlin to Washington in the last week make it clear that a "great debate" is under way behind the walls.

To the world in general, and even to the Russian people, the Soviet agreement to pick up its missiles in Cuba and take them home looks like complete capitulation.

The question is: Can Khrushchev weather the storm that this defeat already has whipped up? Washington makes no secret of the fact that it hopes he can. For if Khrushchev falls and another takes his place there is a good

Castro Asks Guantanamo As A Guarantee Of Safety

Key West, Fla., Oct. 28 (AP)—Prime Minister Fidel Castro demanded today that the United States give up its Guantanamo Bay naval base as a guarantee that Cuba will be safe from aggression.

He said his statement was related to Soviet Premier Khrushchev's announcement that Russian rockets will be withdrawn from Cuba.

That was his only reference to the Soviet action. Castro did not broadcast his demand personally. It was read in full repeatedly by Havana Radio announcers starting shortly after noon.

Naval Base Leased He said nothing about any measures he might take to back up his insistence that the United States get out of Guantanamo and return to Cuba the 45-square-mile base this country leases at the island's eastern tip. Castro has said in the past that Cuba would never attempt to

RUSSIA ALSO ACCEPTS PRESIDENTIAL DEMAND FOR U.N. SUPERVISION

Premier Links Accord To U.S. Guarantee Against Invasion; Washington Looking To Parleys On Other Issues

New York, Oct. 28 (AP)—The Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister, arriving tonight as Premier Khrushchev's emissary on the Cuban situation, said "goodwill and a reasonable approach" can achieve peace.

The official, Vassily V. Kuznetsov, landed at Idlewild Airport less than twelve hours after Khrushchev's offer to withdraw missiles from Cuba.

Applause Accord

By ERNEST B. FURGERSON (Moscow Bureau of The Sun)

Moscow, Oct. 28—Premier Khrushchev promised today to dismantle Soviet rocket bases in Cuba and send them back to Russia, all under United Nations supervision.

He tied his statement to President Kennedy's letter, delivered yesterday, in which the President guaranteed Cuba against attack by the United States or other Western countries if the offensive rockets were removed with international inspection.

Today's Khrushchev answer to Mr. Kennedy's message also complained of a new violation of Soviet territory by an American reconnaissance plane. He said it took place today above the Chukotski Peninsula about 50 miles across the Bering Strait from Alaska in extreme northeastern Siberia.

Comment Deferred Some Western diplomats here said that if Khrushchev meant what he said about the rockets and no unexpected incidents occurred, today could mark the turning point in the Caribbean crisis.

But American officials in Moscow said they would prefer that comment on the message come from Washington. They would con-

firm only that the letter had been handed to them for transmission to the White House. Khrushchev said he had sent Vassily V. Kuznetsov, First Deputy Foreign Minister, to New York to work out details of the verification plan with U Thant, acting Secretary General of the United Nations.

Other mentioned no conditions, other than Mr. Kennedy's assurance that Cuba would not be attacked, as prerequisites to dismantling of the rockets.

Yesterday Khrushchev offered and the United States in effect rejected a deal in which the Cuban rockets would be taken out in return for American removal of NATO missiles in Turkey. This proposal was not brought up today.

The Premier said today that he wanted to talk further about relations between NATO and the Warsaw Pact countries as well as atomic testing, disarmament and other issues. He did not specify. (Continued, Page 8, Column 5)

Thailand Flood Dead Put At 600

Bangkok, Thailand, Monday, Oct. 29 (AP)—Rescue workers were reported today to have recovered 600 bodies in the southern Thailand area battered by tropical storm Harriet.

Press reports said hundreds of other bodies were expected to be found floating at sea. A border police pilot told the English-language Bangkok World that his search for survivors was futile. He said he sighted only bodies floating in waters of the Gulf of Siam.

Other reports said up to 40,000 homes were destroyed in just one of the three provinces hardest hit by the storm which put a wide swath of destruction through the peninsula area Thursday and Friday.