

# U.S. BEGINS BLOCKADE OF CUBA; GRIM WARNING ISSUED TO RUSSIA

## Himalayan Battling Worsens

**New Front Opened  
By Chinese Reds**

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NEW DELHI, Oct. 22—The battle in the Himalayas grew grimmer Monday as the Chinese Communists opened a new front against Indians near the Burma border, brought in tanks in Ladakh and advanced farther into Indian territory near Bhutan.

Five more Indian military posts fell to the Chinese on the third day of continuous savage fighting between Indian and Communist troops.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Nehru in a broadcast message to the nation Monday night said:

"The time has come for us to realize fully this menace that threatens the freedom of our people and the independence of your country."

Nehru attacked the Chinese in vehement terms. He charged that the Chinese were "a powerful and unscrupulous opponent, not caring for peace or peaceful methods."

"We must build up our military strength by all means at our disposal," he said.

He added that the Indian five-year plan would not be given up and the nonalignment policy of India would not be abandoned. "We are not going to give up our basic principles because of the present difficulty."

The Chinese attacked early Monday a main Indian post at Kibitoo on the Tibetan border of the Luit section of the northeast frontier agency adjoining Burma. The fighting is still raging there, an Indian spokesman said.

A Peking report earlier identified this place as Chayul and accused India of attacking Chinese troops.

An Indian Defense Ministry spokesman said that for the first time the Chinese attacked with tanks at a post in southern Ladakh in the western sector of the 2,500-mile Himalayan frontier.

He said the Chinese attacked five Indian posts in the Pangong Lake area with heavy mortars and mountain guns. Three posts fell on the first attack but a fourth repulsed the Chinese three times. For the fourth attempt the Chinese brought up tanks and the post yielded, he said.

At least 100 Chinese were killed or wounded in this single encounter, the spokesman said, but details of the total casualties in the three days of fighting were still unavailable.

The spokesman said the Chinese seized another Indian main post at Tsang Dhar Cham, half a mile behind the Dholu post near the Bhutan border. The Dholu post fell first.

## Military Reserve Not To Receive Immediate Call

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22 (AP)—There are no immediate plans to call up any military reservists because of the new turn in the Cuban crisis, a Pentagon spokesman said Monday night.

He hinted that some specialists might be called later, if that becomes necessary, and that enlistments and duty terms of officers in the regular services might be extended at the same time.

## The President And Cuba

(An Editorial)

The distinctive feature of President Kennedy's address to the nation concerning the development of intermediate and long-range missile sites in Cuba, is that it represents a determined and uncompromising effort to persuade the Soviet Union to abandon its military threat in Cuba.

If the Soviet starts to haggle about it, our Navy will proceed to stop all shipping entering Cuban waters, and seize all munitions it might find on such ships. Such a blockade is an act of war. It will affect our Allies, just as it will affect the Soviet Union.

The President is to be commended for acting with such firm decision, because, as he remarked, the Soviet threat has become so imminent 92 miles off our coast, that failure to act would probably lead to much expanded Soviet buildup.

The President's action and his words leave the gate wide open for the Soviets to withdraw, and thus still leave Cuba as a Communist satellite. The chances are that they will fulminate and threaten. They may be foolish enough to launch a full-scale war; but there again, the chances are that once they see that the President and our nation are determined to remove the missile threat from Cuba, they may have the good sense to withdraw. It may be a slow operation, but eventually they know they will have to get out.

It is doubtful that the Soviets will risk nuclear war. They know that in a few days we could reduce their country to a desert of destruction. We are much more powerful than they are. Their people abhor war much more than we do, because they have seen their country ravaged twice within the past 40 years. They will fly to arms to defend their country from invasion, but they will express wonderment and revulsion if their government acts like going to war over far-away Cuba.

It is up to all of us to assure the President that we are behind him with everything we have. It is also up to us to realize that if a great historical political movement like Soviet imperialism is not stopped in Cuba right now, it will grow and thrive to a point where it will demand our surrender under threat of being exterminated.

## Off Sitka, Alaska

# All 102 Aboard Saved As Big Plane Ditches

**Pilot Credited With  
'Beautiful Job'**

SITKA, Alaska, Oct. 22 (AP)—A military-chartered passenger airliner ditched in the Pacific Ocean off this southeastern Alaska city Monday. A swift, skillful rescue saved all 102 persons aboard. Only six were injured.

"The whole ship was evacuated in 2½ to 3 minutes," said Capt. Vinton Hanson of Bellevue, Wash., pilot of the Northwest Airlines DC7.

Hanson said the first indication of propeller trouble came when the plane was about 100 miles south of Sitka. He declared an emergency at 12:04 p.m., reducing speed and altering the course so as to fly nearer shore.

The pilot said he set the plane down in the water at 12:54 p.m.

"All of the passengers were out of the aircraft and into the life rafts by the time the water in the cabin had reached a point midway between my knee and thigh," said Ruth E. Fullerton, a stewardess from Kenville, Manitoba, Canada.

The injured included Sgt. James E. Elliott, and his wife, Mae, of Sharpesville, Pa. Elliott was reported to have arm and back injuries and his wife a broken toe.

The ditching was so adept

that the plane stayed afloat 22 minutes, while those aboard calmly got into five 25-man life rafts.

"Apparently there was no panic," said Jim Jaqua of KSA-TV, who reached the scene before the plane sank.

"It looked to me like the pilot did a beautiful job. The top of the wings were just starting to be awash when I got there. The nose went down first and when the tail went over it headed straight for the bottom just like a big whale going down."

A Coast Guard plane alighted at the scene within three minutes of the ditching and an Alaska Coast-Ellis plane circled overhead. But it was

a Federal Aviation Agency supply boat from a nearby FAA station that took the passengers from the rafts.

By the time the DC7C went down, Jaqua said, everyone was aboard the FAA boat, the Fedair. Later they were transferred to the Coast Guard cutter Sorrel.

The pilot's radioed report of trouble gave time for planes and rescue boats to head for the scene, about seven miles south of here.

Fairly calm water contributed to the rescue's success.

"Everybody got out and into the life rafts with no trouble at all," the Fedair's skipper told Jaqua.

At Key West, virtually every vessel at the naval base pulled out of port. Relatives said crew members were ordered to report before daylight without a previous alert.

A spokesman at Patrick said the planes were on a routine training mission. A statement issued later by the Air Force said the unit was moved into Patrick to "increase the air defense posture of the southern states."

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