

# Act Now Against US Threat to Humanity!

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## DEFEND WORLD PEACE!

US President Kennedy has brought the world to the brink of ultimate disaster — **NUCLEAR WAR** which could engulf the world.

Every Australian should speak out **NOW** in defence of peace, before it is too late.

THESE steps to the precipice of war are excused on the flimsy pretext that the USA is threatened by Cuba. **A NATION OF SIX MILLIONS THREATENING ONE OF 180 MILLIONS, WHOSE LEADERS BOAST THAT IT IS THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL STATE!**

In his radio broadcast, Kennedy announced the following moves which threaten war:

- A "quarantine" on all shipping to Cuba, whether of British, Soviet or other nationality. This wantonly tears up international law on freedom of the seas and the United Nations Charter, and could easily lead to a dangerous and explosive incident.

- A threatening, aggressive build-up of US armed forces at Guantanamo, on the territory of the small nation, Cuba, an independent and sovereign state. This is naked and aggressive intimidation of a small nation.

- Putting US forces in the Caribbean Sea on a war footing.

- Threatening an all-out nuclear attack on the Soviet Union.

THE United States billionaires have always exploited Cuba. They supported the corrupt Batista regime with money, arms and diplomatic recognition, but it was finally overthrown by the Cuban people led by Castro.

Ever since then they have tried every way to bring Cuba to heel. They gave money, arms and facilities to exile armies, and masterminded the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion, which was launched from a US base. When this failed, the US Government tried economic sanctions—a blockade to stop food and even medical supplies.

Since all these actions by the American Goliath could not bring the Cuban David to his knees, they now threaten war.

### Hypocrisy

KENNEDY says he has taken these present aggressive steps to stop a "Soviet base" in the Western Hemisphere.

The Cuban people have the right to their own social system; they have the duty to defend themselves against the threat of force.

They sought and obtained arms from the Soviet Union and other countries to defend themselves against US threats. It is this which has enraged the US rulers.

THERE IS NO SOVIET BASE IN CUBA,

ONLY LEGITIMATE ARMING BY CUBA IN SELF-DEFENCE.

It is sheer hypocrisy for the US Government to make the false accusation of a "Soviet base," when the United States has admitted 1400 bases ringing the Soviet Union in 31 different countries. These bases are armed with nuclear missiles, and nuclear bombers fly constantly from them. Defence Secretary McNamara recently boasted that the USA can devastate the Soviet Union from these bases.

### US Again Pushes World to War!

THIS is not the first time US has endangered world peace. The late John Foster Dulles pursued a policy he openly called "BRINK-MANSHIP."

The Kennedy administration took over the Dulles policy, seeking war in Laos and Vietnam, encouraging Chiang Kai-shek to make threats of war on China; and threatening and building up for war in Germany.

The driving forces to war are the fabulously wealthy and dominant monopoly groups which run USA, the Rockefellers of Standard Oil, the Morgans of international finance, the Du Ponts of General Motors, and others like the Fords, who count their wealth in thousands of millions of dollars.

These groups put their men right into government and decide US foreign policy in defence of their worldwide investments.

### The People Can Stop War!

WORLDWIDE public opinion and action can stop war. This has already been shown clearly in the past few years.

Now is the time to act, before bombs start to rain down.

★ Let your voice be heard, on your job, in your union, in all the people's organisations.

★ Call upon the Australian Government to let the US Government know that the Australian people say:

**NO WAR OVER CUBA!  
STOP AGGRESSION AND USE OF FORCE!**

For further information on Cuba, buy the Communist weekly, "Qld. Guardian," available from People's Bookshop, 205 Brunswick St., Valley, and from local sellers.

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