

Peace forces prevent Cuba invasion

Defend World Peace!

A GREAT victory has been won by the peace forces of the world. They have forced the imperialist rulers of the United States to guarantee that no one will invade the workers' Republic of Cuba. This must be honored.

The US threat to invade Cuba has been the fundamental issue at stake, not only in the past weeks—when it brought the world to the brink of nuclear war—but ever since the victory of the Cuban revolution in 1959.

Cuba built up its military defences solely because of the US threat.

On Tuesday, October 23, President Kennedy of the USA flung down the gauntlet, by full-scale mobilisation of an invasion task-force in Florida, as well as by imposing an illegal naval blockade of Cuba.

By the following weekend these dangerous steps had been abandoned, in the face of:

- The strength and calmness of the Soviet Union on the basis of its policy of peaceful coexistence;
- The unflinching stand of the Cuban Government and people;
- And the tremendous pressure by the people throughout the world—and by many governments—against the aggressive US moves.

This is the basic meaning of the whole Cuban crisis, which cannot be changed by daily press efforts to rescue some "laurels" for US imperialism.



CUBANS' NEW LIFE: The victory which drove out the vile Batista regime in Cuba at the end of 1958 opened a new life for the Cuban people, who until then had suffered so long and so bitterly.

Pictured here is part of a joyous celebration in Havana (capital of Cuba) recently marking the success of a literacy campaign, to remedy the mass illiteracy which was left behind by the old regime.



BRISBANE PROTEST AT BLOCKADE: In Brisbane, as elsewhere throughout the world, there were immediate protests against the action of US President Kennedy in imposing a naval blockade of Cuba.

This picture, published in the Qld. Guardian, shows seamen who held a protest deputation to the US Consul in Brisbane.

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U.S. about-face in 4 weeks

THE USA could have disclaimed all intention to invade Cuba four weeks ago, when Cuban President Dorticos, at the United Nations, called for such an undertaking, and for negotiation of differences between the two countries.

But Washington believed it could achieve its aims—the destruction of the Cuban people's government led by Castro, and restoration of a regime obedient to the US millionaires—by terrorising the world with the threat of nuclear war, and by military measures against Cuba. They reckoned without:—

- The immediate reaffirmation, by the Soviet Government, that its full military strength would be used in support of Cuba, if she were attacked by the USA. All Socialist countries added their full support.

- The fact that only seven out of 20 Latin American governments were prepared, despite enormous pressure, to give full support to the USA, while Brazil, biggest country in South America, flatly opposed the US invasion threat.

- Unwillingness of such major NATO allies as Britain and France to promise concrete support to the US military actions.

- The solid lineup of some 45 governments, members of the UN, in favor of immediate negotiations, instead of the acts of war undertaken by the USA.

- The tremendous wave of demonstrations and words of protest against US aggression, by the peoples of the Americas (including the USA itself), Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia.

U.S. Government exposed

AS a result, the US Government quickly found itself isolated, and **FORCED** to give the undertaking sought by Cuba. Further, it had to accept the Castro Government as the government of Cuba, although, a few weeks before, US Vice-President Lyndon Johnson had declared that America's task "is to get rid of the Castro regime."

The recent events highlighted, as never before, the fact that the concrete threat to world peace comes from the world-wide ring of over 1400 US military bases in 31 countries through which its aggressive policy is exercised.

These bases include Guantanamo, in Cuba itself, which the Government of Cuba rightly demands should be evacuated.

They also include US spy-plane bases, from which aggressive US flights are continuing over Cuba. Such bases are being developed in Australia, and may already have been used for the seven U2 spy-flights now revealed (by President Soekarno) to have been detected over Indonesia recently.

U.S. bases not wanted here

AUSTRALIANS, in particular, have still the opportunity to end the danger arising from US naval and air force bases projected in Australia, before they are fully constructed. American spy-planes must be sent home.

The Cuban events once again demonstrated that the right of all nations to independence and the choice of their own social system can and must be upheld, and that the strongest and most determined champion of that right—even under the direct threat of nuclear war—is the Soviet Union.

It is now necessary to carry the fight further—to force the US Government and the Menzies Government:

- to withdraw their armed forces and respect the independence of Vietnam, Thailand and Malaya;

- to negotiate a peaceful settlement of the German question;

- to reach agreement on the banning of all nuclear weapons testing, the weapons themselves, and on world total disarmament in stages; a first step to be agreement on a nuclear free Southern Hemisphere.

Communists play their part for peace

FROM the moment when President Kennedy unleashed the world-war threat over Cuba on October 23, the Communist Party and the Communist newspapers Guardian and Tribune threw their full weight into activity to prevent aggression and protect Cuba's independence.

Hundreds of thousands of leaflets were distributed and many meetings held.

The Communist Party calls on all Australian people to become ever more active in all ways in the struggle for peace, and warns that the basic threat of war comes from USA.

The most powerful way to defend peace is to:

- ★ **Join the Communist Party.**

- ★ **Read, sell and write for the Communist newspapers, the Qld. Guardian and Tribune.**

- ★ **Help finance the Communists' fight for peace, higher living standards, democratic rights and Socialism.**