

Arms Still Go to Cuba, Sites Intact, Senate Told

By the Associated Press
Senator Keating, Republican of New York, said today a large vessel arrived in Cuba last Friday and "unloaded a cargo of armaments."

Senator Keating said the ship reached Cuba "under the high-

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est security conditions" the day after President Kennedy said this country had evidence of only one vessel's having carried predominantly military equipment to Fidel Castro since last October.

In a Senate speech, Senator Keating said the Soviets are pressing their military buildup in Cuba to the point where "it will be impossible to get them out with conventional weapons."

"There is continuing, absolutely confirmed and undeniable

evidence that the Soviets are maintaining the medium-range missile sites they had previously constructed in Cuba," Senator Keating said. "There has been no Soviet move to dismantle these sites or withdraw the launching equipment, as one would expect if the Soviets intended in good faith to keep these missiles out of Cuba in the future."

Sites Maintained

"On the contrary, the Soviets' 24-hour maintenance of these sites gives rise to the very real possibility that Russia hopes to return the heavy missiles to the island and get them into commission—or, even more ominous—that they may have missiles left on the island and need only to wheel them out of caves.

"I have no confirmed evidence now that there are still ground-to-ground missiles in Cuba, but the Soviet activity around these sites cannot help but raise a number of serious questions. Without on-site inspection, it is hard to see how we will ever know . . . the true missile situation in Cuba."

Senator Keating said the route followed by the ship mentioned by Mr. Kennedy and the one he said arrived Friday is generally termed "a maximum security route."

He said this is a passage through areas where the United States is least able to maintain adequate surveillance."

"It is also, ominously enough, the identical route followed last summer by the first of the Soviet vessels carrying medium-range ground-to-ground mis-

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siles into Cuba," Senator Keating said.

While the Soviets continue to ship military equipment under tight security conditions, and to unload it at docking points where outsiders are rigorously excluded, Senator Keating continued, "there is a semi-monthly passenger steamship service between Cuba and Russia and a weekly non-stop, Moscow-Havana flight."

Difficult to Spot

"These provide ample facilities for the Soviets to transport additional equipment to their newest satellites under conditions that might make tight United States surveillance difficult, if not impossible, he added.

Senator Keating said he had no idea the Soviets were planning to attack the United States directly.

What they are planning to do and are already doing, he asserted, is to mount "an increasing wave of sabotage, terrorism, political subversion and agitation throughout Latin America."

"Already riots in Venezuela, Peru, and Brazil clearly and demonstrably are the work of Communists trained and armed in Cuba," he said.

Senator Keating warned of a Soviet missile buildup in Cuba last year before the administration acknowledged evidence of it and took action.

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