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*USSR: (The Soviet Union appears to be counting on dismantling its missiles in Cuba without having the process itself subjected to on-the-spot UN observation.)

(In his conversation with UN Secretary General U Thant on 29 October, Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister Kuznetsov claimed that the missiles were now being dismantled and shipped out. He stated that when the dismantling is completed the USSR will report to the Security Council and propose that a UN team then be sent to verify the dismantling. He asserted that no UN team would be required until the USSR reports to the Security Council.)

(Kuznetsov made it clear, however, that the Soviet government would not permit UN teams to inspect incoming Soviet ships to verify that they were not carrying offensive arms. He noted that Moscow would accept such inspection by Red Cross representatives from neutral countries.)

(Moscow's refusal to allow UN inspection of the actual dismantling of the missiles appears in part to be an attempt to avoid the establishment of a precedent which might later be made applicable in disarmament negotiations. Kuznetsov is maintaining a position on UN surveillance comparable to the Soviet position on disarmament inspection, which is that there be no inspection over armaments, but only over disarmament, and then only after the disarmament is completed.)

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*Cuba: Castro continues to press for a greater role in the negotiations over the Cuban missile bases and insists that his "five guarantees" against aggression be accepted.

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(Havana press and radio broadcasts of 29 October gave heavy coverage to Castro's proposals while giving relatively slight coverage to Khrushchev's message of 28 October.)

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Castro wants the European governments informed that unless his demands are met he will resist dismantling of the missile bases, and that any settlement over Cuba must be made between Castro and Kennedy.)

(The current stage of negotiations over Cuba appears to be causing apprehension and depression among Cuban exile groups, and there is a growing feeling among them that the US is abandoning Cuba. Some exile forces including the Alpha-66 group have announced their decision to continue the armed struggle.)

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***Bloc Shipping to Cuba:** During the two day cessation of the quarantine while U Thant is in Havana, three bloc vessels--one Soviet tanker, one Soviet dry cargo ship, and one Czech dry cargo vessel--presently lying dead in the water at or within 60 miles of the quarantine line could reach Cuban territorial waters. They could not, however, reach Havana if that is their destination.

Information available as of 0300 EST today indicates that 4 other Soviet tankers, 3 other Soviet dry cargo vessels, and possibly another Satellite dry cargo vessel are en route to Cuba.

The Soviet tanker Grozny has been halted since early on 28 October, just inside the quarantine line; the Soviet dry cargo vessel Belovodsk, halted on the morning of the 29th about 10 miles east of the line; and the Czech dry cargo vessel Kladno, halted by 1700 EST 29 October about 60 miles east of the line.

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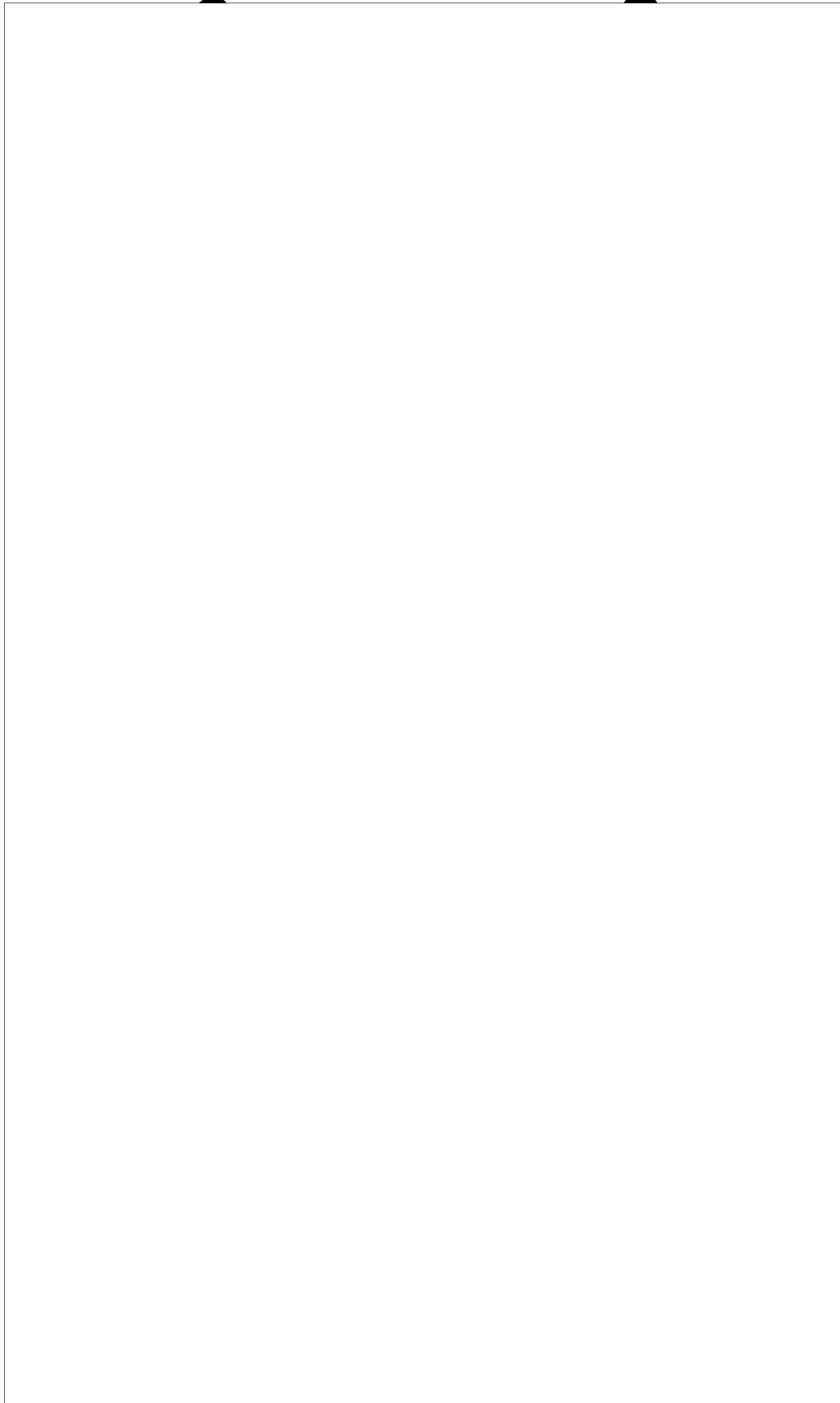
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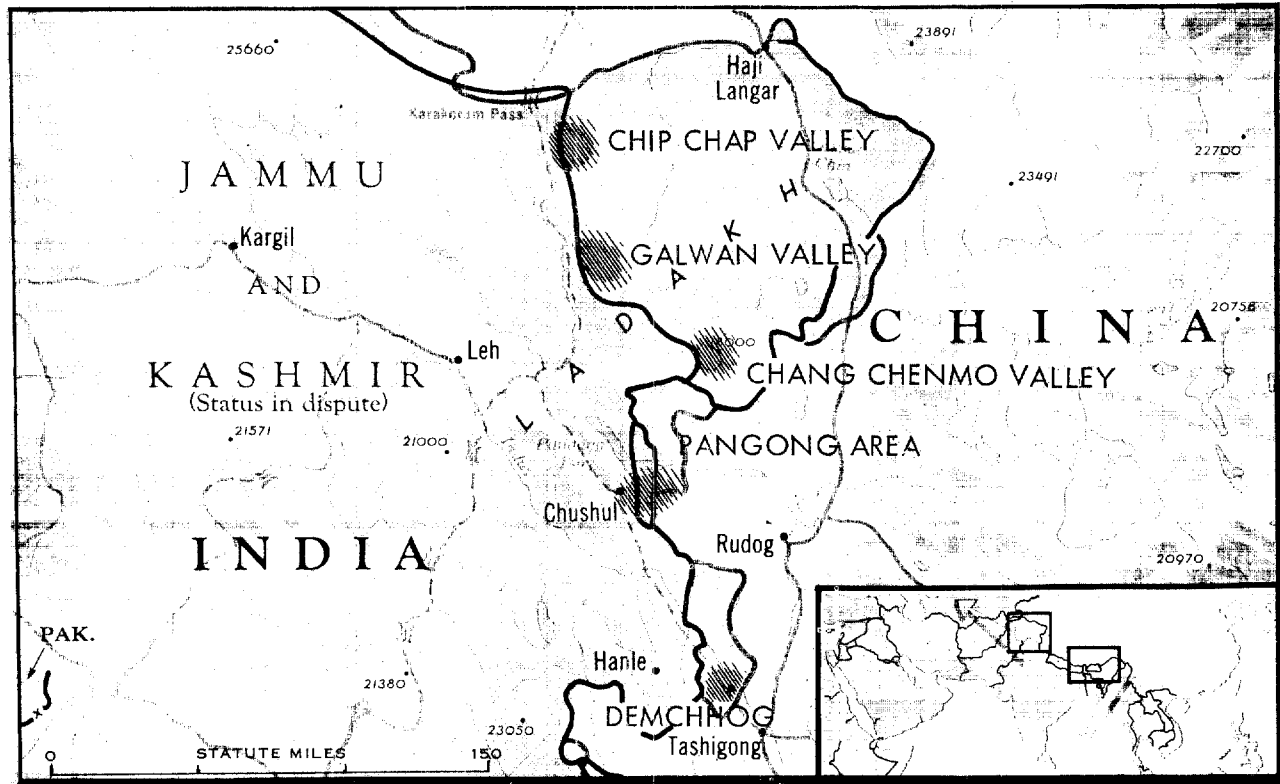
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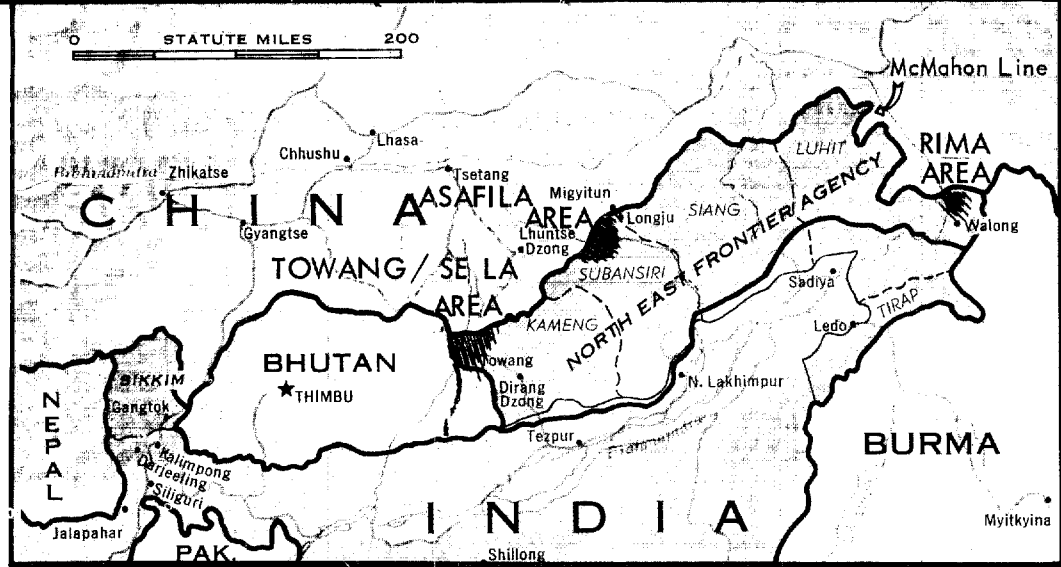
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COMMUNIST CHINA / INDIA BORDER AREAS



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| | Areas Chinese have occupied since 20 October | | Boundary shown on most US and Western maps |
| | Boundary shown on recent Chinese Communist maps (Where differing from US and Western maps) | | Road or track |
| | Boundary shown on recent India maps | | • 21020 Spot height (in feet) |
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(Moscow has apparently suspended further arrangements for Indian purchase of Soviet aircraft, including MIG-21s. India's recent order for 34 more MI-4 (Hound) cargo helicopters may also be held up. This decision provides further evidence to confirm Moscow's recent shift from an attitude of neutrality in the dispute, which was essentially anti-Chinese, to open support for the Chinese side.)

(Nehru, however, probably has not yet abandoned hope of playing off Moscow against Peiping, calculating that Sino-Soviet differences will re-emerge as a result of Khrushchev's moves to settle the Cuban crisis. Despite Nehru's realization that he will need increasing material support from the West, he probably will try to prevent any further deterioration in Indo-Soviet relations.)

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*Brazil: (Friction has increased in the Brazilian armed forces over the issue of policy toward Cuba.)

(President Goulart's decision on 28 October to send the chief of his military cabinet, leftist General Albino Silva, to see Fidel Castro is likely to aggravate this friction. Many officers will view it as evidence that pro-Castro elements are gaining influence. [redacted])

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(Minister of War Kruel, however, had earlier stated publicly that Brazil supports the US quarantine of Cuba. This statement, according to the Brazilian press, is causing a controversy between Kruel and leftist officers, including the commander of the First Army in Rio de Janeiro. On this issue Kruel probably has the support of a majority of Brazilian general officers, who would probably endorse the transfer of leftist officers from command posts if the present tension reaches a breaking point.)

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