

## no fire in the sky . . .

An old dictum relates that fire must be fought with fire. For too long the Free World has answered Soviet threats and ultimatums with soft conciliatory tones and concessions. In Mr. Kennedy's firm stand on Cuba, and the support which it received from his citizens and his allies, there is at long last evidence that democracies need not be coerced for lack of decisiveness.

To those who suspect Kennedy of acting for partisan political reasons alone is offered an overwhelmingly powerful counterargument. The precarious peace of the last decade has been maintained by the practice of deterrent armament. Neither side has been willing to risk destruction by launching a nuclear attack; knowing that before any ICBM reached its target, the other side will have had sufficient warning to loose retaliatory weapons.

The erection of operative missile bases in Cuba would destroy this uneasy balance. Medium range Soviet missiles would be able to wipe out our retaliatory power in a few minutes, leaving North America virtually defenceless. For this reason, Cuban missile bases are intolerable to our safety. President Kennedy called the Soviet bluff . . . The Soviets respect our military might as much as we respect theirs . . . which should be a considerable revelation to those who have doubted the wisdom of our own strength.

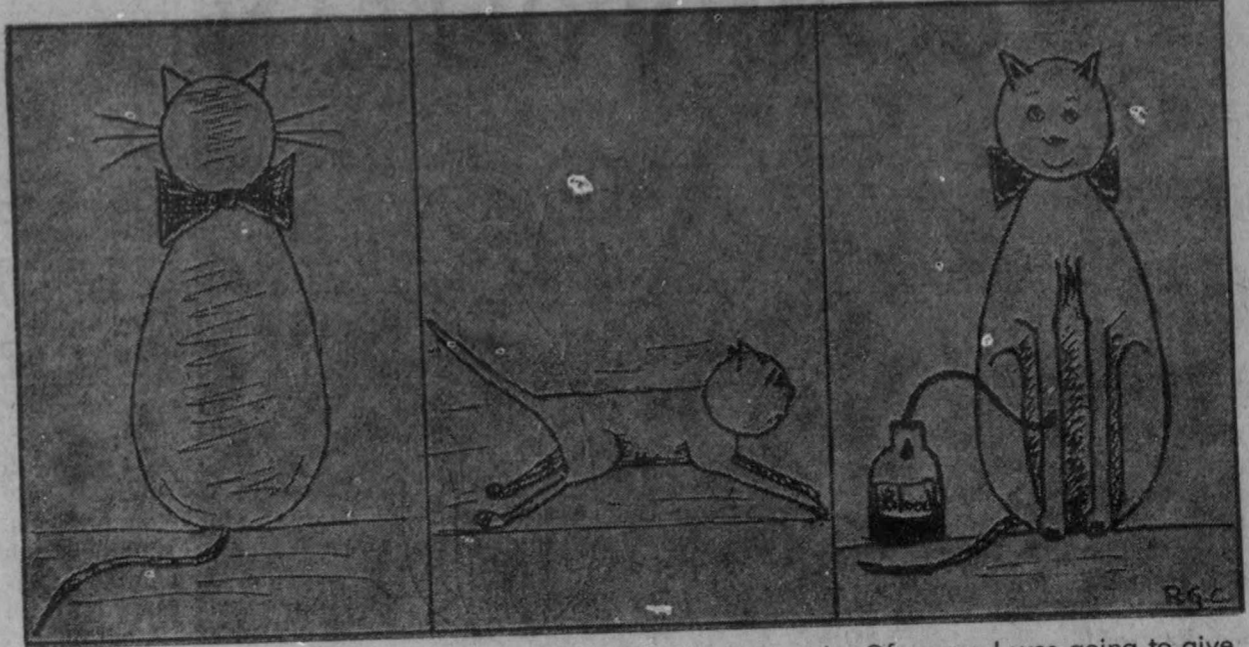
The balance of power is restored, at least for the moment . . . with some very important side effects. Krushchov has been forced to permit U.N. inspection of Cuban disarmament, a precedent which may have crucial impact on the power of that body and upon future prospects of enforced multilateral disarmament. And the West has been forced into a decisive position which has been sadly lacking. For his part, John Kennedy has come closer to greatness than any other Western leader since Churchill.

## why?

On a campus where both staff and students place great emphasis on planning and order, what was probably the highlight of the presentations of the Creative Arts Committee was abruptly postponed for twenty-four hours.

For the Thursday night performance of Margaret Ann Ireland, the demand by students for tickets had been unprecedented. Many of these students were unable to attend on Friday evening, due to previously scheduled campus activities.

Due to whatever reason there may have been for the postponement, it seems only fair that the concert should have been rescheduled for a later date, so that the students would have had an opportunity to attend the event which they had so enthusiastically supported. One would hope that such consideration would be shown in the event of a similar situation in the future.



I was just taking a cat-nap . . . . . and they pounced on me! Of course I was going to give anyway.

## From Our Readers

Dear Sir;

I would like to comment on the disgraceful manner in which the C.B.C. covered Wednesday (Oct. 24, 1962) night's Security Council debates at the United Nations. Is not Canada a bilingual country with the French language on an equal footing with the English language? Evidently not in the eyes of the C.B.C., who omitted translations and addresses in favour of musical interludes.

An excellent example of this was the address by the delegate from France. Listeners heard an instantaneous English translation as the delegate spoke in French, and then heard the official U.N. translation into English. Could not the C.B.C. have allowed French listeners hear the French delegate as he spoke and let English listeners be satisfied with one English translation?

It takes a bit of imagination to picture this as a radio network owned and operated by a bilingual government and serving a bilingual country.

I would also like to comment on Prime Minister Diefenbaker's stand in relation to the crisis in Cuba.

Mr. Diefenbaker ranks undoubtedly as the most indecisive person ever to head a country. Every major issue that has come before him, whether of national or international interest to Canadians, has been treated with a Royal Commission and/or a "wait and see" by the Prime Minister. The Cuban Crisis received no different a reception.

Mr. Diefenbaker wants to send a "Royal Commission" in the form of a U.N. inspection team into Cuba to find out if, or to paraphrase him to assure the rest of the world that the U.S.A. is telling the truth. Does he doubt that anyone disbelieves Mr. Kennedy. Any country's leader who says this is only playing politics. Still the idea is a good one if Dr. Castro will allow inspection which is unlikely unless it is done by force. Meanwhile why doesn't the Prime Minister make a definite statement of Canada's stand in regard to Cuba?

His "wait and see" attitude was parroted perfectly by his Secretary of Defence Howard Green last night. Mr. Green, being interviewed on the C.B.C. network by several reporters repeatedly evaded any question which asked for a definite answer concerning Canada's stand.

When a statement made earlier by Opposition Leader Pearson, which said that Canada should throw full support behind the U.S., was repeated to Mr. Green, he replied that although he didn't know what Mr. Pearson had said but that Canada had always been friendly with the U.S. and would certainly support her in case of war.

When asked why he wouldn't answer yes or no as to whether Canada fully supported the U.S. stand, either in Parliament or to the Canadian people anxiously awaiting an answer at that moment, Mr. Green said that the government did not want the Canadian people to panic.

Are Messrs. Diefenbaker, Green, and a few others the only people who know how to remain calm. Are the Canadian people children who can't be told what they already know and what to do about it. If this is not a real war threat they let the government tell us what action they plan in case one does come along.

Canada's political, geographical and economical position won't allow her to be neutral,

and as Belgium illustrated during the Second World War it doesn't pay.

England, France, Latin American countries and many others have given full support to Mr. Kennedy's decision and yet his closest neighbours who will depend on the U.S. to fight their battles won't even help add weight to his hand. Shouldn't the rest of the world know how the majority of Canadians feel and not just how Mr. Diefenbaker doesn't feel? What's happened to the saying "better dead than Red".

Donald H. Forbes  
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We agree with the comments on the Cuban situation, particularly concerning Mr. Green's pathetic performance.—ed.

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Dear Editor:

Your article, "Campus Psychiatrist", in last week's Brunswickan gave me a severe shock—yes, a solid jolt. In it you revealed the presence of a consulting psychiatrist on campus. Now the masses of unbalanced students will read of him in your paper and he will be swamped by these hundreds of troubled minds. Naturally he will get even by telling them to stop reading your paper. This will cure them and you will no longer have any readers. Tsk! Tsk! You have goofed!

Sincerely,  
Rosco J. Rosco

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HE reads the paper himself.—ed.

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Mr. Editor:

What's with all this nonsense about a new student's building, or even the more ridiculous stories that we want the students to help build some sort of cultural centre? Be serious man! We want the flow of our building dollars to go into the construction of a great big PUB!

Yours truly,  
A.A.  
Third Year Engineer.

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That's as sensible as some other suggestions which have come forth.—ed.

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