

Moscow sends MiG-23s

Jets in Cuba bother U.S.

WASHINGTON - The Soviet Union on Saturday admitted it has sent MiG-23 jetfighters to Cuba after the United States apparently sent an official notice that it is disturbed with Moscow's actions. However, the Soviet Union has denied the planes violate the 1962 understanding barring the presence of offensive weapons on the island 90 miles from American shores.

Although the spokesman declined to give further details, it was presumed Vance indicated President Carter's concern that the presence of the swing-wing fighters may violate the terms of the 1962 understanding between Washington and Moscow which bars Soviet offensive weapons in Cuba.

The Communist Party daily Pravda, in an editorial summarized by the official Soviet News Agency Tass, said any suggestion the planes violate the Soviet-American agreement reached in the wake of the Cuban missile crisis was "groundless and provocative from beginning to end."

Pravda said the Soviet Union has strictly adhered to the 1962 agreement barring Soviet offensive weapons from Cuba and that the planes are only there to protect Cuban security interests. It also stated that the Soviet Union will continue to defend itself in this matter.

Kissinger sees deployment as pro-African aggression

LUBBOCK — The United States cannot continue to accept the deployment of MiG-23 aircraft in Cuba by the Soviet Union because it degrades detente and jeopardizes the normalization of U.S.-Cuban relations, says former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Kissinger arrived Friday for a press conference and an address to a Chamber of Commerce banquet. He said the Russians had sold planes to the Cubans to free Cuban

MiG-21s for use in Africa, "so it is really a way by which the Soviet Union is encouraging aggression in Africa."

The former National Security Council member said if the aircraft are capable of carrying nuclear weapons, the planes "would have a range somewhat comparable to the missiles that were in Cuba in 1962 that led to the initial crisis (between the U.S. and the Soviets)."

Utah governor links cancer rate, A-bomb

SALT LAKE CITY — Nevada atom bomb tests 15-20 years ago showed most of Utah with radioactive fallout and Gov. Scott Matheson is going to Washington this week to try to find out if that is the reason parts of the state have abnormally high cancer rates.

Matheson will demand to see all government files on the health effects of the A-bomb tests on American citizens in Utah and other states that received low-level doses of radiation from the 87 open-air tests made in the Nevada desert between 1951 and 1962.

"I was astonished to read (Friday) that we had stopped the overflights of Cuba that had been going on since the 1960s," Kissinger said. But he said Americans should reserve judgment on the MiG situation until it became clear exactly what capabilities the aircraft have.

He said that was a matter incompatible with detente, the relaxation of tensions and with normalizing U.S.-Cuban relations. "It is a matter that must be unacceptable to us," he said firmly.

He will also ask Health Education and Welfare Secretary Joseph Califano to include a Utah cancer study in a plan to spend \$40 million researching and identifying environmental health hazards. Califano announced the proposal last week.

Last week Matheson visited St. George, Utah — 130 miles from the Nevada test site — and was confronted by citizens who presented him with a list of 157 cancer victims.

There are too many unanswered questions and the percentage of cancer is too high," he told them. "We must pursue this vigorously."

Kissinger said his primary reason for being in Lubbock was to pay tribute to retiring Rep. George Mahon, D-Texas, who resigned his seat this year after 44 years in Congress.

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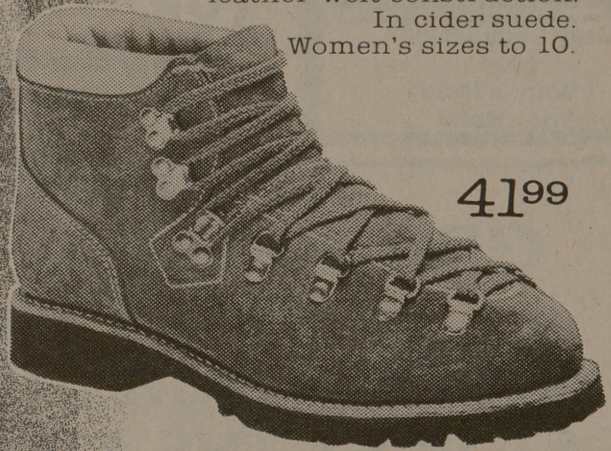


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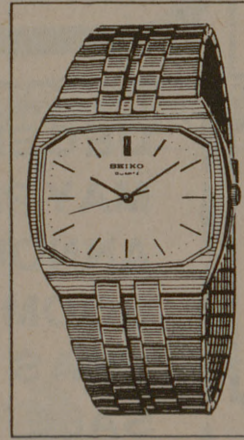
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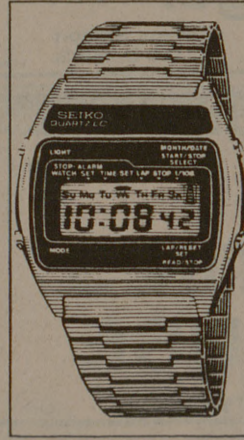
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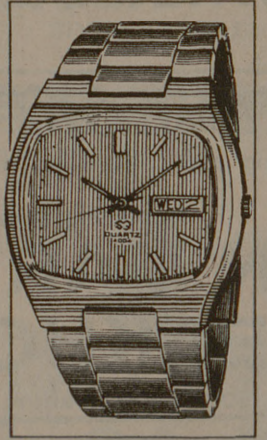
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