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## The Allen-Scott Report

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WASHINGTON — The Senate Preparedness Subcommittee is investigating a sensational report that Undersecretary of State Averell Harriman and Cuban Dictators Castro conferred secretly in Russia.

Both were there in late April, although this extraordinary allegation is the first hint of a meeting between them.

According to detailed information from important Cuban refugee sources, the reputed parley between Harriman and Castro took place around April 28, in either Moscow or Murmansk.

Harriman was in Moscow April 25-28, to talk to Premier Khrushchev on the deteriorating situation in Red-threatened Laos. On the basis of a Soviet announcement, Castro was in Moscow on the 28th. From a news photograph released by the Russians, Castro was in Murmansk on April 27. Harriman stopped off in that city on the 28th, on his way out of the Soviet.

Inquiries by these writers at his State Department office, brought a blank reply. Assistants stated Harriman was in Australia, and claimed they knew nothing about a meeting between him and Castro. They didn't deny it, but asserted it was news to them.

The Cuban informants told the Preparedness Subcommittee, headed by Senator John Stennis, D-Miss., that Harriman and Castro discussed re-establishing diplomatic relations in exchange for a further reduction of Soviet troops in Cuba.

Also that Castro brought up the question of resuming trade between the U.S. and Cuba — which he makes no secret of ardently seeking.

Such a move by the U.S. would automatically destroy the extensive trade barriers built up against Castro's Communist regime by members of the Organization of American States. The whole diplomatic and trade battle against Castroism would collapse.

### RED COMBAT FORCES

The reputed meeting between Harriman and Castro is taken with utmost seriousness by the Senate committee. The report is being very carefully looked into.

State Department and other administration officials are slated to be closely questioned. Meanwhile, the committee is making a thorough study of certain confidential details conveyed to it.

Reason for the committee's concern is the impressive source of its admittedly sensational information. One of the informants is a refugee who gave up an important government job in Havana. Other information obtained from these sources has proven valid.

From these refugee sources, the senators also have learned that Soviet troops have been secretly moved from their encampments to areas that cannot be easily spotted by high-level (U-2) reconnaissance flights. These significant changes have taken place very recently.

They are particularly important as the Soviet embassy has been assuring the State Department that Moscow is slowly withdrawing combat elements from Cuba.

Intelligence reports do not bear this out.

On the basis of intelligence data, Russia actually is rotating its forces and not withdrawing them. For every shipload that ostentatiously leaves the island, another ship surreptitiously disembarks as many or more troops.

Intelligence estimates Russian troop strength in Cuba at 17,500. President Kennedy has stated the number is 12,500 Cuban refugees claim at least 22,000.

A major reason for this lack of accurate data is that there have been no low-level reconnaissance flights over Cuba since early February. They were suspended on direct orders of President Kennedy.

High-level U-2 reconnaissance flights are limited and infrequent.

This has never been publicly disclosed either by the White House or the Pentagon.

On April 20, 1961, several months after taking office, President Kennedy stated, "Communism is not negotiable in this Hemisphere."

### ANOTHER BACKSTAGE DEAL?

The Senate Investigating Committee, headed by Senator John McClellan, D-Ark., is digging into the sale of two jet airliners by General Dynamics to Indonesia to determine whether there is any connection between transaction and a \$17 million U.S. loan. What has aroused the suspicion of these Senate probers is that the sale of the huge airliners for \$15 million and the negotiating of the \$17 million occurred within a week of each other. Foreign aid officials flatly deny any relationship, but the McClellan committee, which is investigating the multi-billion dollar TFX plane contract, isn't satisfied with these official disclaimers. Representative Wright Patman, D-Tex., chairman of the Banking Committee, is sending a special agent to Switzerland to uncover possible new information on the mysterious disappearance of \$7.5 million in negotiable government bonds from the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco. Patman launched a three-member subcommittee investigation of this baffling loss, and proposes to see what can be learned in Switzerland. The subcommittee reported it doubted the bonds had been "accidentally burned" as claimed by bank officials. Two of the probers left no doubt they are convinced the bonds were stolen. Patman agrees with them, particularly as he has received information that several of the \$1 million bonds were deposited in a "numbered" bank account in Switzerland around the time of the Cuban missile crisis last fall.

## Gop Senators Vow To Block Civil Rights Filibustering

WASHINGTON — One of the strongest civil rights advocates on the Republican side says that every senator supporting the party conference stand for better rights legislation has committed himself to blocking a filibuster.

The comment, by Sen. Jacob K. Javits of New York, goes far beyond the understanding of most Republicans following the seven-hour discussion last Wednesday that led to what was generally considered a watered-down compromise.

Senator Javits wanted the 33 GOP senators—or at least a substantial number of them—to become committed to a move to choke off a southern filibuster. He didn't get the commitment.

Nevertheless, he predicted in an interview, close to 22 GOP senators would support a debate-limiting cloture motion. Such a move would need two-thirds of the senators voting to win approval—probably 67 out of 100.

The New Yorker agrees that, for the motion to pass, between 20 and 27 Republicans would have to join Democrats. Privately he puts the figure at an optimistic 22.

This means that 45 out of 67 Democrats would have vote the same way, against filibusters.

### No Idle Gestures

Senator Javits heatedly denies that the Republican compromise statement was an "idle gesture."

He admits, however, that the follow-through rests on the "real showdown," which will be the cloture vote.

Despite Sen. Javits' declarations, many Republicans are emphasizing the fact that the conference declaration on civil rights did not bind any senator to voting any particular way.

This point was stressed on the floor of the Senate Thursday by Sen. Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona, a potential G.O.P. presidential candidate.

The firm efforts of the Republican leaders to avoid embarrassment of the party as a whole by a decision on civil rights, though, could be upset by Sen. Javits' interview comment that support for the conference declaration meant a real commitment to shutting off a filibuster.

The senator will get agreement that meaningful civil rights legislation would have to pass the Senate to reach the White House and the coalition favoring it "must be unusually strong and

substantial."

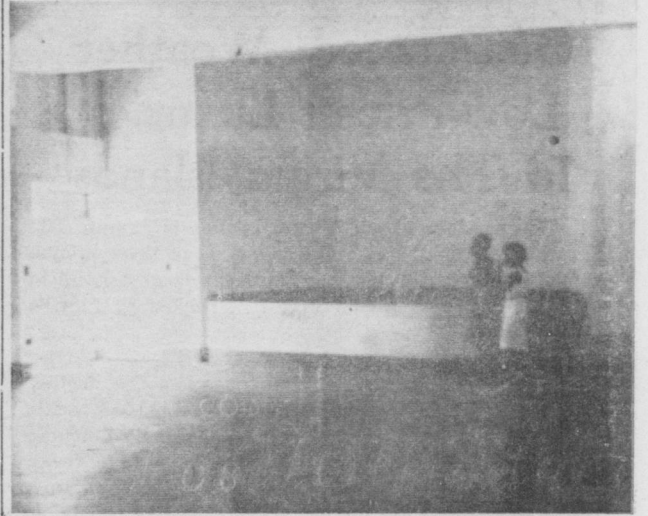
### Strong Disagreement

But there is strong disagreement within his own party, and within the bloc of 33 Republican senators, that support for "further appropriate legislation required to help solve the problems of our nation in the field of civil rights" goes so far as to commit them to blocking a filibuster.

This is indicated in the fact that the conference statement makes no mention of cloture or filibusters. If that issue had been included, the odds are heavy there would have been no conference statement at all.

Republican Senate leaders tried hard to get Sen. Javits not to put the GOP on the spot on Civil Rights. They succeeded so far as the conference declaration of Thursday, which fell short of the New Yorkers' hopes.

But in his interview he handed his Senate colleagues a commitment they would like to forget.



COMMUNITY ACTIVITY building at Oswald Harris Project is designed to provide social outlets for tenants in the new housing development in Estate Thomas. The main assembly hall, pictured above, will provide space for meetings, lectures, exhibitions and various presentations presented by the Oswald Harris community. The building also houses administrative offices for the project as well as maintenance store rooms. (Daily News Photo)

### NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that all petitions for nomination of candidates for the first territorial committee have been filed in the office of the Supervisor of Elections and that on November 1, 1963 the polls in the Virgin Islands will be opened to allow each elector enrolled in THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS to vote for the members of the first territorial committee of the said party, it being the only recognized political party in the Virgin Islands in which the number of candidates who filed nomination petitions is in excess of the number required by law.

CASTING OF LOTS for position of names upon the official ballot to be used on November 1, 1963 will be held as follows:

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DISTRICT OF ST. CROIX — June 11, 1963 at 2 p.m. at the Conference Room in Government House, Christiansted, St. Croix

DISTRICT OF ST. THOMAS — June 12, 1963 at 2 p.m. at the Legislative Hall in St. Thomas

MEMBERS AT LARGE — June 12, 1963 at 2 p.m. at the Legislative Hall in St. Thomas

All candidates may appear in person, or by agent duly authorized by letter of attorney, signed and acknowledged by an officer empowered to take acknowledgments.  
Dated: June 5, 1963

HENRITA TODMAN  
Supervisor of Elections

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