

Ship Takes Bus Cargo To Castro

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LONDON (AP) — A freighter from Communist East Germany loaded the first of 950 buses Thursday which Britain is shipping to Cuba over American protests.

The 7,185-ton Heinrich Heine was expected to sail Thursday. More Communist ships will call for the rest of the shipment.

The deal is earning \$25.2 million for the Leyland Motor Company and the Cubans have an option for 550 more buses.

Contract Protested

Normally the buses would be carried on a British ship. But the United States has threatened to blacklist British shipowners who break its embargo on trade with Cuba.

The bus contract was protested by the U. S. state department. The British government said the buses weren't strategic items. Britain is a nation that lives by trade; and Cuba has a sterling surplus from its sales of sugar.

GM Plan Vetoed

Since then the British government has in effect vetoed plans of the British subsidiary of General Motors to sell trucks to Indonesia.

The government refused to insure the company against loss if Indonesia defaulted, contending Indonesia is not a good risk financially.

But there is considerable suspicion that Indonesia's undeclared war against British-backed Malaysia is a factor.