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Peking Cut Halves Cuban Rice Ration

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HAVANA—Cuba's monthly ration of rice—a basic staple of the island's diet—was cut in half yesterday as a result of Peking's decision to export no more rice to Cuba. An announcement by the Communist party newspaper Granma said that beginning immediately Cubans will be able to buy only three pounds of rice per person per month.

Cubans usually eat rice twice a day with chicken, fish, meat and beans. Premier Fidel Castro announced on Sunday that China had ended a rice-sugar exchange agreement. He said China claimed it could not sell Cuba the expected 135,000 tons of rice because it needed its stores for trade with North Vietnam and for emergencies if the United States should attack China.

Kashmir in Cuba

HAVANA — The Indo-Pakistan dispute and the Sino-Soviet quarrel hung over the Communist-backed Tricontinental Solidarity conference. Ignoring vigorous behind-the-scenes efforts by Russia and others, Pakistani representative Maulana Bhashani attacked India on the Kashmir issue. The Communist Chinese delegation applauded. The Indians sat in stony silence.