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# Seeks Negotiated End Of Flights, Castro Says

HAVANA, May 1 (UPI)—Premier Fidel Castro said today that Cuba was attempting to end U.S. reconnaissance flights over its territory by international negotiations.

He said Cuba will shoot the plans down if the negotiations fail. Castro made the threat during a May Day speech that lasted longer than two hours.

Castro also suggested that the United States use satellites to photograph Cuba, if necessary, instead of plane flights.

"We have made, are making and will make (new) efforts to see those flights cease, and cease they must," Castro told his audience. The crowd that stayed to hear Castro's speech at the end of a three-hour military review was a small one, perhaps because of the heat.

## Would Resort to Arms

If negotiations through international bodies to end the overflights are not successful, "we will repel those aggressions with our weapons," Castro said.

He warned Cubans they must be ready "for a long fight that will never end" if Americans invade and occupy Cuba as an aftermath to armed Cuban action against U.S. planes.

Castro said his position was not based on any Soviet pledge of aid or solidarity "or intercontinental missiles" in any armed showdown with the United States.

He said he assumed all responsibility for what might happen if Cuban antiaircraft gunners shot down an American plane.

He added, however: "If by shooting down one of those planes we unleash a world conflagration, we shall not be responsible."

It was Castro's second de-

mand in two days for an end to the U.S. reconnaissance flights, which President Johnson has stated will continue.

Castro said the U.S. "knows what kind of arms Cuba has"—an apparent reference to Soviet-supplied missiles. Castro said, "we shall be in a condition to use those arms at a determined moment."

The Russians have been expected to turn over the anti-aircraft weapons any time after today and begin the withdrawal of 3000 troops from the island.

Castro said he will "never allow unilateral on-site arms inspection in Cuba by the United States. It is the U. S. position that without such inspection the reconnaissance flights are mandatory.

"We will allow them to inspect us if they let us inspect Florida," Castro said.

"They claim those flights are necessary for their security, but we say that for our security it is necessary that those flights do not continue."

## Suggests Satellite Use

Then he suggested the use of satellites, and said planes were being used instead "to humiliate Cuba."

"But they are mistaken," he said, "because Cuba will not allow itself to be humiliated."

Some 25 to 30 Hawk-type Soviet missiles were rolled past Castro's reviewing stand in the parade. They were observed on Florida television monitors that picked up the Havana ceremonies.

The violently anti-American march featured a flot depicting an octopus-like Uncle Sam trying to take over the world. It was ripped and smashed by the marchers in a show of Cuban disdain for the United States.

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