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**Cuba Troop
Withdrawal
Seen Halted**

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Sen. Kenneth B. Keating (R-N.Y.) said yesterday that Soviet Russia has halted its withdrawal of troops from Cuba, with some 4000 to 7000 remaining.

The New York Senator said on a program recorded for New York radio and television this shift in planned removal of Soviet forces may be an effort to "guard the missile sites or to protect the Cuban regime from its own enemies."

He said, "I have no evidence of new missiles or new types of missile in Cuba today." Then he continued:

"Instead there is mounting evidence of a new unrest among the Cuban people which worries Castro and his Communist cohorts."

Keating said recent developments in Cuba "spell renewed trouble for Fidel Castro".

He cited these reported conditions:

"First, the sugar harvest is bogged down which shows that Cuban peasants have not accepted the Castro government as permanent and have not accepted communism as their way of life.

"Secondly, Castro's own militia has over some months been systematically disarmed. Guns and ammunition are available only in limited number to those on actual guard duty. Ammunition storehouses are under increasingly tight security watch.

"Castro's distrust of his own Cuban protectors is growing—and rightly so."