

Overflight Retaliation Hinted by Khrushchev

MOSCOW, July 8 (UPI) Premier Khrushchev said tonight the Soviet Union has the right to send spy planes over the territory of America's allies if the United States continued reconnaissance flights over Cuba.

The Kremlin leader also warned that continuance of such flights over Cuba "may lead to most serious consequences in the Caribbean area."

Khrushchev also called for removal of all foreign "intervention" in Cyprus and warned that an invasion of the island by Turkey could start a "chain reaction" that could be "fraught with serious consequences."

Khrushchev, speaking at a Kremlin reception for graduates of the Soviet Military Academy, said American reconnaissance flights in "violation" of Cuba's sovereignty gave Russia the same right in relation to Soviet neighbors that "are members of military blocs, allies of the United States."

His warning was interpreted

as being aimed especially against Turkey, which has American bases and Iran, which recently conducted joint troop maneuvers with U.S. forces.

Khrushchev said the fact that Cuba has "chosen" communism constitutes no "ground for U.S. interference in the internal affairs" of that country.

Khrushchev also told his military audience that if an enemy should touch off a war, the Soviet Union "will not leave its friends and allies in the lurch."

The Soviet leader said Russia supports wars by peoples seeking liberation, asserting: "Such wars we regard as just and holy."