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Peking Daily Supports Castro In Cutting Off Base's Water

Reuters

PEKING, Feb. 9.—The main Chinese Communist newspaper, the Peoples Daily, today expressed "resolute support" for Fidel Castro's action in cutting off water supplies to the United States base at Guantanamo.

It described the U.S. seizure of Cuban fishing boats, which preceded the Cuba action, as "piracy and a sordid provocation," and said it was "obviously not an isolated incident."

The article, by the newspaper's "Commentator," was the first authoritative comment here on the latest dispute between Cuba and the U.S. Similar Soviet reaction has not been reported here.

Premier Castro's recent Soviet visit received scant attention here and the Chinese public has learned nothing of

the joint communique he issued with Soviet Premier Khrushchev supporting many aspects of Russian policy.

(In Sweden, the mass circulation Stockholm newspaper Expressen said America's allies would never support it in an armed conflict over the Guantanamo base.

(The United States could expect armed patrols to raid the base; the paper said. "Castro will not stop at turning off the water. One can dislike the Castro regime as much as one wants, but the American military base on the island is unnecessary.

("The United States will never get the support of her allies if an armed conflict should break out over Guantanamo, just as Western Europe does not intend to join the U.S.A.'s trade blockade of the island," the paper said.)