

Cuba

As this is written Wednesday morning the world conceivably stands on the brink of World War III. Communist inspired criticism of President Kennedy and the United States blockade of Cuban ports has run rampant throughout much of the world.

One overriding point, however, must be remembered. The United States of America has come of age! The leadership of the free world, wanted or not, has been thrust upon this country for many decades now and, ever since the end of World War II, the attitude in this country has been one of "Sit back and let George do it."

As far as the Communists are concerned World War II never ended. They have been fighting ever since 1945—their objective is to win control of the world without firing a shot. The United States has been sitting by, many times with her hands tied, watching the Reds advance the cause of Communism throughout the world.

In 1939 Hitler abolished the age-old custom of declaring war. He simply invaded, with all his military might, the countries he wanted. The Japanese followed this up in December, 1941. The Kremlin has followed this plan with the peoples of Eastern Europe and has silently, swiftly moved into the Western Hemisphere.

Lord Home, British Foreign Secretary, summed it up last year when he said "Communism cannot be stopped until it is shown up for what it is." This country has been guilty of an "all smoke, no fire" policy. It



took us too long to move and now that we have it might not be enough. Why not extend the blockade to cover all forms of cargo entering Cuba?

Now is not the time to go half-way with this show of force. In the Berlin crisis last year, the United States mobilized 150,000 reservists. The Communists backed down. During President Eisenhower's administration the peace of the world was threatened on the Island of Quemoy. Sabre rattling in the form of a delivery of Sidewinder missiles put the damper on Communist activity there.

Maybe it will take shots from the deck guns of one of the 40 U.S. ships now surrounding Cuba or a show of force by the 20,000 Naval and Marine personnel there to show the Reds we mean business.

Whatever it takes, there cannot be a moment's hesitation. Assistant U.S. Secretary of State Edward Martin has said "The world will be defended!" Whatever the price, whatever the consequences, faith in the leadership of this country and in the innate freedom of man must be upheld!