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Cuba Does Not Want Peace. What Next?



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This morning's UN International Summit in Reykjavik, Iceland proved a poor showing for the free world.

Amid a global crisis precipitated by a liberal administration's failure to take decisive military action against Fidel Castro's Cuban regime, Western Bloc delegates appeared eager to kowtow to the will of aggressive, expansionist communist states. Raul Castro's inflammatory proclamation that "Cubans do not want peace" failed to resonate with Western and non-aligned delegates. "The United States is losing its allies," East German delegate Lothar Bolz claimed early in the day. Coming out of this morning's summit, a scattered and sentimental Western Bloc lent credence to his provocation.

As hostile and accusatory Eastern Bloc delegates heaped abuse onto Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Joint Chief of Staff General Maxwell Taylor, Western allies urged only de-escalation. In the face of conflict, the proclivity toward appeasement that has descended upon Western and non-aligned delegates mirrors that of 1938's Munich Agreement, and may well yield the same result.

One of the few resolutions passed this morning was a relief and release program that, using funds overseen by Brazil, will provide financial and medical support to citizens affected by the state of impending war. The resolution was the result of collaboration between the Democratic Republic of Germany, Brazil, and the United States. Not addressed in the resolution was the potential financial burden that such a program could present, as well as the shocking resemblance to socialism that such a program bears. The relief program represents a step in the wrong direction for the United States, as maintaining the illusion of an idealistic, liberal agenda took precious time away from dealing with the issues at hand.

The disheartening negotiations prompted General Taylor to issue a statement arguing in favour of military action against the Soviet Union. "Monkey see, monkey do," Taylor warned, "if we co-exist with communism, we will die." Taylor continued to state that firm military action could, at this point, represent the only real means of protecting the United States' and its citizens from a nuclear conflict.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk appeared to corroborate Taylor's statement as he lamented, "quite frankly, communism is a disease—and I know about diseases. We cannot let it spread."

Yet, without the backing of Western allies, the United States may be unable to take firm military action. The world has witnessed the consequences of appeasement throughout the twentieth-century; the failure of Munich precipitated Nazi expansionism, just as the failure of Bay of Pigs precipitated the current crisis. Can the free world afford another failure?