

# View on 'Buzzing' Disputed

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WASHINGTON, July 21—The United States told the Soviet Union today that it would continue to check on Soviet ships in international waters, particularly those approaching the American coasts.

Washington denied a Soviet allegation that identification flights near Soviet vessels constituted a danger to the safety of such ships. It denounced Russia's warning that she would "take other measures to insure the safety of Soviet vessels in open seas" as a "reckless threat of aggressive action against United States aircraft."

The United States stated its views in a note delivered today to the Soviet Foreign Ministry. It was an answer to a Soviet protest July 13 against "buzz-

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ing" of Soviet ships by United States planes.

Today's note said an investigation showed that United States planes had not flown over Soviet ships "in any way which would constitute a hazard to the vessel or endanger the safety of its crew."

The United States message said Moscow's objection to the identification flights raised the question as to what the Soviet vessels were doing.

In that connection, the note said, it was discovered that a Soviet ship, the Vega, ostensibly a fishing trawler, was in fact laden with electronic equipment and was carrying out an intelligence assignment along the East Coast last April.

The Vega appeared off Long Island during tests of the missile-firing submarine George Washington. Later the Soviet vessel was reported at various points off the East Coast, including the mouth of Chesapeake Bay.

"In such circumstances there is every reason for establishing the identity of such a vessel and the nature of its activity," the United States note said.

The note said pilots checking on ships at sea were under strict orders to approach no closer than necessary to establish identification.

The note cited Soviet references to "the well-established principle of freedom of the seas." It said the United States Government "would like to hope that the Soviet Government might now begin to respect this freedom on the part of other nations, whether for ships or aircraft."

This was an allusion to the downing July 1 of a United States RB-47 reconnaissance plane in the Barents Sea by Soviet fighter aircraft. The United States has said the plane never was closer than thirty miles to Soviet territory. Moscow charged that the plane had invaded Soviet airspace.

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