

# Mann Sees No Shift in Latin Policy

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Non-Intervention

## Still Is Keystone, Press Group Told

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SAN DIEGO, Calif., Oct. 12 (UPI) — A high State Department official denied today that the United States had abandoned the principle of non-intervention in Latin America.

Thomas C. Mann, Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, told the annual meeting of the Inter-American Press Association (IAPA) the United States still holds to the idea "that non-intervention is a keystone of the structure of the inter-American system."

In his prepared text, Mann blamed U.S. intervention in the Dominican Republic on an attempted Communist takeover.

### Denies Use of Pretext

He also denied that the United States used the evacuation of U.S. citizens as a pretext for intervention.

Mann said there was some confusion over the meaning of intervention and that some persons claim it is "necessary unilaterally to intervene . . . in favor of political parties of the non-Communist left."

However, he said "this thesis overlooks the fact that countries want to solve their

internal political problems in their own way. Latin Americans do not want a paternalistic United States deciding which particular political faction should rule their countries."

### Defends Restraint

That, he said, was why the United States refrained from supporting the outgoing government or any of the factions contending for power in the Dominican Republic.

Mann said some questions deserved consideration before opinions on the rightness of wrongness of unilateral intervention were formed.

What distinctions ought to be made . . . between subversive activities which do not contribute an immediate danger to an American state . . . and those which . . . do contribute a danger to the peace and security of the country and the Hemisphere?" Mann asked.

"I do not offer precise answers to these questions at this time," he said. "I only wish to say that the problem of Communist intervention in the Hemisphere is a real one."

## Viet Envoy Here Going to Taiwan

Associated Press

South Vietnam's Ambassador to the United States, Tran Thien Khiem, a lieutenant general and former chief of staff of the armed forces, said yesterday he is being reassigned to Taiwan.

He will depart for his new post early next month and be succeeded here by Vu Van Thai, a former economic adviser on the staff of the United Nations.