

OAS Set to Discuss Denunciation Of Soviet Backing of Subversion

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The Council of the Organization of American States will meet Monday to consider a Peruvian request that the OAS denounce Soviet support of Communist activities in Latin America.

Peru's request yesterday was sparked by Soviet backing of such activities at the Tri-Continental Solidarity Conference in Havana from January 3 to 15.

Chief Soviet delegate S. R. Rashidov said at the conference that "the Soviet people are deeply in sympathy with the courageous struggle waged by the peoples of Latin America. We express our fraternal solidarity with the armed struggle being waged by the Venezuelan, Peruvian, Colombian, and Guatemalan patriots for freedom against the stooges of imperialism."

The Soviet Union, moreover, agreed to membership in a newly formed "liberation committee" established to promote armed revolutionary struggle throughout the underdeveloped world.

A Peruvian spokesman explained that "we are denounc-

ing particularly the double standard of morals of the Soviet Union since its action at Havana came within two weeks after the United Nations adopted a resolution against intervention of one country in the affairs of another."

Support Expected

Venezuela is expected to support Peru at the OAS meeting.

A Peruvian diplomat maintained that his country would not ask that any action be taken at the OAS meeting. It is apparently hoped that a hemispheric denunciation of

the Soviet attitude as expressed in Havana might deter Moscow from giving more than verbal support to guerrilla action.

Peru recently crushed a small Communist guerrilla movement and is concerned about new Red-inspired troubles. Terrorists also are active in Venezuela, Guatemala and Colombia.

First Statement

U.S. officials said that as far as they could recall, Rashidov's declarations were the first statements made by any Soviet official at a public forum supporting armed revolutionary struggle in specific Latin American countries. In prudence, they said, it must be assumed that there is some substance behind the Soviet words.

In the past, Russian emphasis has been on non-violent infiltration and subversion. Experts view Cuban and Communist Chinese encouragement of the activist approach as having strongly influenced volatile African, Asian and Latin delegates at the Havana meeting, possibly forcing Russia to harden its stand so as to prevent a conference split.