

# Anti-Castro Curb Hit by GOP Group

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A Republican Council yesterday urged an end to U.S. curbs on anti-Castro raiders and establishment of a Cuban government-in-exile.

It said such a government should be set up in Latin America to rally 300,000 Cuban refugees "to work openly for the liberation of Cuba."

In backing actions against the Red Havana regime, the GOP Critical Issues Council said that the United States should serve notice to the world that it is prepared "as a last resort to use military force to remove international communism from Cuba."

The 24-member Council of prominent Republicans is headed by Milton S. Eisenhower, brother of former President Eisenhower.

Declaring "Castro must go," the Council said the situation has worsened because the Johnson Administration "has no clear and firm policy toward Cuba" and "the time for action is long overdue."

## Trade Curb Asked

The Republicans also proposed:

- A stepup in U.S. pressure to persuade free world countries to stop trading with the Castro regime.

- U.S. initiative in the Organization of American States (OAS) for collective Latin American action against Cuba.

- A greatly increased counter-propaganda operation against Castro to be conducted in Latin America, preferably with the cooperation of the OAS and the proposed Cuban government-in-exile.

- Stepping up effectiveness of the Alliance for Progress program of aid to Latin America by withholding U.S. assistance from those

countries which do not live up to their reform pledges and liberally rewarding those which perform on their commitments.

- Calling of a diplomatic conference of leading free nations for the purpose of reaching a common program of meeting each serious communist probe.

The Republican group stated that "the presence of Soviet communism in this hemisphere is intolerable" and asserted the October, 1962, missile crisis may have been a turning point against the United States not a victory as proclaimed by some "pundits and politicians."

It said Castro now is stronger at home and abroad than in 1962, communism flourishes, strategic missiles may well remain in Cuba, subversion continues "and the threat to the U.S. and Latin America is clearer and present."

## Use of Force

The GOP statement said:

"The United States should at once end its program of halting refugee attacks on Cuba and should prevail upon Great Britain to do likewise . . .

other free nations should no

"The United States and all longer accept the Castro regime as the legitimate government of Cuba but instead should help form a Cuban government-in-exile and recognize and support it as the only true representative of the Cuban people . . .

"A Cuban government-in-exile should be formed and have the resources to rally the nearly 300,000 Cuban refugees who have fled Castro's tyranny and are now residing in the United States and many Latin American and Caribbean countries . . .

"It must be clearly understood . . . that the United States is prepared, as a last resort, to use military force to remove international communism from Cuba . . . "We are not advocating hasty and improper military action against Cuba. Indeed, a known willingness to use force is probably the greatest assurance that it won't be needed."