

# Mann Hits Allied Credits to Cuba <sup>part of article</sup>

DALLAS, Sept. 21 (AP)—A top State Department official said tonight that friendly nations should not shore up Communist Cuba's wobbly economy with trade and credits.

Thomas C. Mann, Assistant Secretary of State and a special assistant of President Johnson, also cautioned developing nations of the world against experimenting with Communist doctrine promising "a Utopia for the masses."

A speech Mann drafted for the Dallas Council on World Affairs had the earmarks of a

United States Government policy statement aimed beyond Mann's assigned field of Latin American affairs.

He appealed for "wider understanding by our friends and allies that the Castro regime should not be rescued by Free World trade and credits." It is not reasonable to assume, Mann said, that a bankrupt Cuba would have as much money to spend on subversion and propaganda as would an affluent Cuba.

His speech came at a time when U.S. representations to the British government against facilitating Castro's

efforts to open a new air link from Havana to Nassau apparently were bearing some fruit.

Bahamas officials objected to a decision by the London government authorizing the flights, said immigration restrictions would make them impractical as a business venture, and the Cubans arriving on them would be deported.

In his prepared address Mann emphasized the theme that the Communist dictatorship in Cuba is a "bankrupt regime," both economi-

cally and in what he called the terror, imprisonment, execution and political degradation of thousands of Cubans, and the flight of nearly 35,000 Cubans into exile.