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Secretary Praises

Cuba Sanctions

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Secretary of State Dean Rusk said yesterday he thinks the recent sanctions against Cuba by Western Hemisphere nations will give the United States a lever to gain better world cooperation against the Communist nation.

Rusk said he felt the action would put the Johnson Administration in a better position to bargain with this country's NATO allies for help in its campaign to put the squeeze on Premier Castro.

He also said that in taking the action, the Hemisphere nations had called upon "other countries who are also attached to liberty to consider ways that they can demonstrate their solidarity with the Hemisphere."