

Rusk Tells OAS Group To Unite Against Cuba

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Secretary of State Dean Rusk has urged the Latin American republics to unite in opposition to subversive Communist infiltration from Cuba. At the same time he warned the Fidel Castro regime that its "interference in the affairs of other countries in this hemisphere must stop—and stop now."

"In the face of continued Cuban aggression," Mr. Rusk told the foreign ministers' conference of the Organization of American States late yesterday afternoon, "the time has now come to make it abundantly clear to the Castro regime that the American governments, in complete solidarity, will no longer tolerate its efforts to export revolution through the classic Communist techniques of terror, guerrilla warfare and the infiltration of arms and subversive agents."

The ministers are meeting to consider charges of aggression brought by Venezuela against Cuba. They scheduled a session for late today at the Pan American Union to take action on imposing sanction against Cuba.

Backs Venezuela

Mr. Rusk, in delivering a major policy statement on Cuba, threw United States support behind Venezuela's position. In addition to his prepared text, the Secretary of State said:

"Today it is Venezuela which is under attack. Is there any one of us who can say with assurance 'it cannot be my country tomorrow?' So let us say to Venezuela and her brave people: We are with you in full solidarity and will act with you."

Mr. Rusk seemed to reject recent overtures by Fidel Castro for an accommodation with the United States. After referring to the "very nature" of international communism as being "aggressive and expansive," he said:

"It (communism) flies the false ideological banners of 'peaceful co-existence' and 'wars of national liberation.' But no one should be deceived."

Rusk Quotes Castro

Before the ministers is a resolution generally representing Venezuela's position. Introduced by Costa Rica, Panama, and Colombia, the resolution calls for a trade and diplomatic quarantine of Cuba.

If approved by 13 of the 20 states, it would result in the suspension of all air and sea transportation between the American republics and Cuba, as well as the severing of diplomatic and consular relations of all OAS members with Cuba. At present only four countries—Mexico, Chile, Bolivia and Uruguay—maintain such relations.

Mexico and Chile are leading the fight in the OAS against imposing strong sanctions.

He referred to Mr. Castro's statement last July 26 that "in Latin America the course to follow is violent revolution waged by fighting revolutionaries," and went on to say:

"His temperament and ambition, the dynamics of his internal situation, the counsel of those whom he serves and those who serve him—all compel him to promote subversion as a means for breaking out of his insular isolation."

Mr. Rusk cited a recent newspaper interview with the Cuban Premier in which "Castro . . . finally acknowledged that Cuba has been supporting, and will continue to support, subversive groups in other countries."

In that same interview, the Secretary of State said, "Castro also tried to put Cuba's subversive activities on the bargaining counter."

Then he added, in spelling out the official United States response:

"I want to make one point very clear: as far as the United States is concerned, the encouragement and support of subversion by the Castro regime is not a subject for bargaining. It simply must stop. And when it does, the hemisphere will know it without the need for discussions with the Castro regime."