

Mora Proposes Expansion Of Dominican Neutral Zone

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The Secretary General of the Organization of American States, already accused of interference by both Dominican factions claiming legitimacy here, recommended today that the U.S.-patrolled security zone be expanded.

Both factions refused to join in peace negotiations with the Secretary General, Jose A. Mora.

Mora would broaden the neutral zone to include the National Palace, where troops

backing Col. Francisco Caamano Deno exchanged fire with those of Gen. Antonio Imbert Barrera last night. There were no casualties, and few other shooting incidents.

Mora said approximately 300 troops of the Imbert junta hold the palace. The Caamano forces contend the palace is in the area of the city they control, and they want to drive the Imbert men out.

Attacks on Mora

Mora's suggested extension of the security zone was being discussed by the rival factions, he said. Security could be maintained in the palace by a token force of about 25 OAS soldiers, according to Mora.

The rebels continued their criticism of attack Mora, whom President Johnson has described as the leader of efforts to achieve a political settlement here.

Jottin Cury, the rebel Foreign Minister, made public a letter to the meeting of Latin American Foreign Ministers, in session in Washington. The letter was critical of a report Mora submitted to the ministers. Cury said:

The impression (in the report) of progressive advance

toward the normalization of the economic life of the country . . . reflecting only in part the authentic Dominican reality today, hides the vigorous resistance with which our people continue to show their unbreakable faith in the reconquest of sovereignty and constitutionality."

Spokesman for both the rebels and the opposition civilian-military junta issued statements Saturday opposing the OAS presence here. Some criticism resulted from OAS control of government salaries paid from the state central bank. All foreign soldiers here came under OAS command this weekend as members of an inter-American force.

Paraders Back Rebels

Reuters reported that Caamano announced in a communique today that he did not wish to enter into negotiations with Mora. Diplomatic sources said Imbert also refused to negotiate with him.

Several thousand persons paraded along downtown streets today in support of the rebels.

The demonstrators, in part, were observing the fourth anniversary of the assassination

of dictator Rafael L. Trujillo. Masses were held at downtown Roman Catholic churches in memory of those rebels who have died in the last month.

Three days of rain resulted in a mud slide that buried two homes in a slum section on the edge of the city. A U.S. military spokesman said the bodies of six Dominicans were recovered last night. People in the neighborhood said 11 persons were missing.