

# Vaughn Hits Dominican Aid Cutoff

## Tells Senate Unit Action Pulled Rug From Under People

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Newly appointed Peace Corps Director Jack Hood Vaughn told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday that the Kennedy Administration "pulled the rug" from under the Dominican people when it cut off economic aid to that country in 1963.

He was referring to action ordered by President Kennedy following the military overthrow of the constitutional President, Juan Bosch, in October of that year.

This statement brought into the open the conflicting approaches of the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations to application of the Alliance for Progress.

### Questioned Closely

Vaughn, who has been Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs since April, delivered this remark before answering questions posed by committee members at a hearing to consider confirmation of his appointment to the Peace Corps post.

Although confirmation is regarded as certain, Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) told Vaughn that he would vote against him because "your work as Assistant Secretary disqualifies you for any appointment."

Morse charged that the United States had "walked out on freedom" when it supported authoritarian regimes in the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Brazil, and other countries. He concluded:

"You, (Under Secretary Thomas C.) Mann, and (Secre-

(ary of State Dean) Rusk have given bad advice to the President. I couldn't possibly vote for you."

### Probably Mistake

In his opening statement, Vaughn said that the Dominican Republic started getting into deep trouble when the United States cut off aid to that country.

"It was probably a mistake  
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to penalize the people because of the actions of an inept president," Vaughn said.

This reference to Bosch appeared to contradict declarations made by the Kennedy Administration when it cut off aid that it did so because military leaders ousted the president, not because of any actions taken by Bosch.

Vaughn, in his statement, did not criticize the perpetrators of the coup.

"I don't think the Dominican Republic and its people are ready for democracy," he said, but they did have a chance. When aid was discontinued, he added, "the chips were down for the people, not for democracy. We

pulled the rug from under the people."

The Kennedy Administration's policy had been, in most cases involving the overthrow of a constitutional regime in Latin America, to sever diplomatic relations and economic aid to the de facto government for varying periods as a means of displaying Washington's displeasure with coups and dictatorships.

Sen. Bourke Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) took issue with Morse, telling Vaughn that he thought he had "rendered a great service to Latin America."

But Hickenlooper said he did not agree entirely with statements made by Vaughn praising the Peace Corps as a

great success. In one of the few congressional criticisms of the organization heard in the last few years, he said that he was "not convinced" that it has been responsible for much progress.

The Assistant Secretary retained his composure even when Sen. Frank Lausche (D-Ohio) asked if there weren't many "moustache" people in the Peace Corps, an apparent reference to beatnik types.

Vaughn, the possessor of a well-groomed red moustache, replied that was the "meanest thing you ever said to me." He assured the Senator that in countries where there have been complaints about dress volunteers have been ordered to wear ties.