

WILL NIXON RAID CUBA ?

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There is an organization called "U.S. Citizens for Freedom in Cuba" with offices in Washington, D.C. If you are interested, they will send you their newsletter, a long tedious diatribe calling for "direct intervention" to get rid of the present regime in Cuba. While "direct intervention" is advocated only in the event of an internal crisis, it goes on to advocate economic sanctions designed to create the crisis, and proposes that this country, meanwhile, should "...train, aid, and support freedom fighters in exile."

While the newsletter appears to be nothing more than another typical piece of right-wing literature from some fanatical splinter group, a list of its officers and members, printed at the bottom of the last page, draws a very different picture.

The membership includes such solid citizens as Clare Booth Luce, Victor Riesel, Dr. Edward Teller, John Dos Passos, Nicholas Duke Biddle, and Ambassador Spruille Braden, to name just a few.

What is even more interesting is the fact that recently, the U.S. State Department placed Cuba number three on a priority list of trouble spots, topped only by Korea and Vietnam.

Our intrepid researcher, David Zitch, who sent for the newsletter, also came up with a recent speech by Undersecretary of State Ball, in which he stated, "The most obvious and direct way to eliminate the Castro regime in Cuba would be by direct military action designed to replace the present government by a non-Communist government friendly to the West." Ball then piously disavows any advocacy of such crass behavior but calls instead for a severe program of "economic denial" designed to force Cuba into economic crisis and render her vulnerable and defenseless.

Meanwhile, US policy on reconnaissance flights over Cuba has not changed; the overflights still continue. How we would like it if the Cubans flew over the United States for reconnaissance purposes is a question seldom discussed in this country.

It would seem that the power structure is strongly committed to some kind of intervention with the purpose of putting Cuba back under the control of the US business community. It would also appear likely that the intervention will not come in the form of a direct assault by US armed forces, but rather an invasion by Cuban and other Latin-American

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