

From Betty Beale column:

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Robert Vesco's growing influence in Costa Rica is the reason retiring Atty. Gen. Bill Saxbe has just sold his house there. He and Dolly were so delighted with the country after a couple of visits, they bought a house on a golf course and planned to spend vacations there. But Saxbe thinks Vesco has poured more millions into the little republic than its economy can digest, and the financier who is wanted here to go on trial now owns the newspaper and TV and radio stations.

"There's a sizable group of people who do not like Costa Rica being used as a refuge for alleged criminals," said the Republican who will be sworn in as ambassador to India tomorrow. "One of the bishops of the church is head of an anti-Vesco committee. I can't help but feel there is an anti-gringo attitude developing which may have a bad effect on our relations. If Vesco remains I won't go back in the foreseeable future."

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