

Soviet Conspiracy Maps Red Coup In Caribbean Area

Occasional reports on communist infiltration south of the border reach the United States, but they are often fragmentary. To provide readers of the U.S. Catholic press with the whole picture of Red efforts in one of the key areas of Latin America, the N.C.W.C. NEWS Service presents the following article. The author is a native of Central America, editor of Noticias Catolicas, the Spanish edition of the N.C.W.C. NEWS SERVICE and a reporter with years of experience covering Latin American news.

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In mid-1952 Latin Americans learned that world communism had forged a new weapon to use against them in the Cold War.

Its name was the Caribbean Cominform. Its purpose was to bring under the Soviet yoke all the peoples of Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean islands, Venezuela and Colombia.

In the overall plans of this Cominform the Central American country of Guatemala was to serve as the springboard for the eventual communication of the whole region. Today its plans there are succeeding.

GUATEMALA is ruled by a leftist regime headed by President Jacobo Arbenz Guzman.

Pro-Reds won 32 of 58 seats in its Congress in last January's election. Manuel Pellicer, Moscow-trained leader of the Communist Party, was then elected president of Congress. That means he would succeed President Arbenz should anything happen to him.

Reds control 17 Guatemalan labor unions, the social security administration, the government radio station (Central America's strongest transmitter) and the government press. They also have many followers among the nation's teachers.

Guatemala is a meeting place for the world's Marxist leaders, Russian and satellite envoys and known communists from other Latin American nations enter and leave the country freely. Active there is a large group of Red refugees from Spain who were given good jobs in the government and the university by ex-President Juan Jose Arvalo.

The Reds carry on a constant campaign against the Church.

ONLY A FEW weeks ago, as on several previous occasions, rumors began to circulate that the government was making plans to oust Archbishop Mariano Rossell y Arellano of Guatemala City, the Guatemalan who has done most to fight communism. Strong opposition from the independent press and other quarters, however, compelled the government to drop any intention of forcing the Archbishop out of the country.

The Reds have also tried — so far unsuccessfully — to expel all religious orders from Guatemala's schools and institutions, both public and private, and to "nationalize" the clergy, that is to expel all foreign priests.

The pro-communist regime there is currently introducing a new land reform law — good and necessary in itself — to entrench itself in power.

Land taken from large landowners, instead of being given to the poor Indian farm workers, goes to the Indians which then are given to the Indians for their labor. No government title is given. An approved agrarian commission, headed by President Arbenz, is to deal with it.

Communist infiltration in Central America is the main threat.

Most of the communists there — from the U.S., Mexico, Nicaragua and Cuba — have been trained by the Soviet Union and other Communist nations and are active in the Red movement.

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Older Women Urged To Enter Politics

St. Louis, (NC) — Relative idleness or "the superficial trivialities of clublife" can be a cause of considerable frustration to women whose family-raising duties are completed, according to a member of St. Louis University's Institute of Social Order.

WILLIAM A. NOLAN, writing in the September issue of the Jesuit Institute's "Social Order," asserted that the almost two decades added to the American woman's span of life expectancy can be unhappy ones unless she prepares herself better for worthwhile activities. Among these, he said, "the betterment of political life must rank high."

"The desire to contribute something substantial to one's community is a deeply rooted psychological drive," according to Mr. Nolan, and people who go into early retirement are often left with a feeling of emptiness.

IN ADDITION, he said, modern household conveniences and time-saving appliances now give even mothers of families a chance to become more active politically.

The "natural, easiest and most promising" field of action in local government, Mr. Nolan said, because unlike those of federal and state governments, the issues of local government are relatively simple.

UN Charter 'Inadequacies' Secretary Dulles Sees What U. S. Bishops Saw In 1945

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Generalissimo Stalin," who "invariably looked upon the United Nations as a kind of peace-time truce" and "consequently placed primary authority in the Security Council."

On April 15, 1948, before the Charter was completed, the U. S. Bishops warned of the dangers that arise "if in the name of realism an attempt is made to substitute for a judicial world institution what is in effect only an Alliance of the great powers."

IN THEIR annual statement of November, 1945, the Bishops said flatly that the UN Charter "does not provide for a sound, institutional organization of the international society. The Security Council provisions make it no more than a virtual alliance of the great powers for the maintenance of peace. These nations are given a status above the law."

Mr. Dulles now sees "the inadequacy of an organization whose effective functioning depends upon cooperation with a nation which is dominated by an international party seeking world domination."

Here is what the Bishops said: "A nation which refuses to accord its own people the full enjoyment of innate human rights cannot be relied upon to cooperate in the international commun-

ity . . ." (November, 1944). "Every day makes more evident the fact that two strong essentially incompatible ways of life will divide the loyalties of men and nations in the political world of tomorrow. They are genuine democracy and Marxian totalitarianism." (April, 1945). "Now we must face the facts. There are profound differences of thought and policy between Russia and the western democracies . . . There is a clash of ideologies. The frank recognition of these differences is preliminary to any sincere effort in realistic world cooperation for peace." (November, 1945).

(3) The "third inadequacy" according to Mr. Dulles "came of disregard for the fact that world order, in the long run, depends not on men but upon law, law which embodies eternal principles of justice and morality."

ALREADY IN November, 1944, the American Bishops declared: "International law must govern international relations. Might must be subordinated to law. An international institution based on the recognition of an objective moral obligation and covenant alone, is needed for the preservation of a just peace."

"Instead of honest, promising discussion even on diverging plans, we are witnessing a return of the tragedy of political and the danger of bal-

ance of power arrangements which with the substitution of mere expediency for justice, have begotten war after war." (November, 1945).

"We hold that if there is to be a genuine and lasting world peace, the international organization should demand as a condition of membership that every nation guarantee in law and respect in fact the innate rights of men, families and minority groups in the civil and religious rights." (November, 1944).

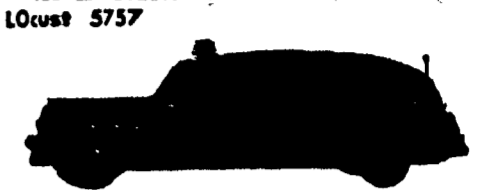
MR. DULLES concluded his address to the Esar Association with an expression of hope that it is not yet too late to bring about such changes in the UN Charter as to make it an effective instrument for a decent world order. Back in April, 1945, the U. S. Bishops held forth the "Christian hope" for an era "in

which nations will live together in justice and charity."

Unfortunately, present world conditions seem to give little hope for an early realization of the right kind of organization under law of the international community. But any effort in that direction will surely fall

unless the statesmen of 1944 show a clearer appreciation of fundamental things than their predecessors in 1945. They must realize that the "inadequacies" of the present Charter are more than mere technical flaws. They touch upon the final things of human existence.

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10 Texans Get Papal Honors

Dallas, Tex. (NC) — Papal honors for 10 lay persons have been announced by Cardinal Henry Thomas K. Gooden of Dallas.

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