

Weekly Meetings Keep Central Intelligence Agency Up on World Affairs

Editor's note: Following is the second of three dispatches on the Central Intelligence Agency.

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Washington—(U.P.)—The Central Intelligence Agency can work fast in a crisis.

Normally its director, Allen W. Dulles, meets once a week with his Intelligence Advisory committee. The IAC consists of Dulles as chairman and intelligence chiefs from the State Department, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Army, Navy, Air Force, Atomic Energy Commission and the FBI.

The IAC members go over new information from all over the globe. They put together a "National intelligence estimate," possibly including dissents from one or more members as to the significance of the information.

Always Alert
But suppose a crisis should occur between these scheduled weekly meetings. Suppose a piece of information came in which, fitted into the picture with data already on hand, indicated the possibility of an international emergency.

Suppose it pointed to a potential Pearl Harbor. The CIA and the "intelligence community" over which it presides are always geared for fast action at any time of the day or night.

A key but anonymous cog in this human machine is the CIA watch officer on duty at the moment. He must notify Dulles or his deputy instantly whenever some critical information comes in.

The subsequent order of notification in a genuine emergency is the President, the Security Council, and the IAC. In most instances, however, the IAC probably would analyze the information before Dulles reported it to the President and the NSC.

Members of the IAC sleep with clothes handy. If any member must go out of town, he leaves a deputy similarly prepared to move fast. The CIA Board of Estimates is ready at any moment to make what is called a "crash estimate."

Asked for Advice
Dulles does not guarantee that another Pearl Harbor or Yalu river crossing couldn't happen.

He has, however, declared confidence that this time the vital intelligence involved would be in the hands of the appropriate officials in time for counter measures.

Typical of past occasions calling for "crash estimates" were the Soviet blockade of Berlin in 1948 and the death of Josef Stalin in 1953. CIA was asked for an intelligence opinion as to whether the Russians would go to war if the West tried to break the blockade by air. Its answer was: No. The Allies instituted the famous airlift, broke the blockade, and the Russians did not fight.

When Stalin died, among the questions were: Would the Soviet government break apart, would rebellion break out, would Stalin's heirs launch a military ven-

ture of some sort to keep the people on leash? Again the answers were negative.

Crash estimates presumably were produced this year on the Formosa Straits crisis and the more recent violence in North Africa and along the Gaza strip in the Holy Land.

When the CIA is right, it isn't just by chance. It has come a long way since July 26, 1947, when President Truman signed the national security act creating it and the National Security Council.

Spied on Germany
Its early staff was recruited from the weird but effective collection of spies and school teachers, business men and scientists, New England aristocrats and strong-arm men, and military and civilian intelligence experts assembled by Gen. William J. (Wild Bill) Donovan to operate World War II's fabulous Office of Strategic Services.

It was as chief of OSS operations in Europe that Dulles, a lawyer with a State Department foreign service background got the experience which fits him to be America's master spy.

Working out of neutral Switzerland, he established contacts inside German Army Intelligence and inside the German Foreign Ministry. He probably knew more about Germany's real condition than Adolph Hitler did. The CIA uses amazing index-

ing and coding and reporting machines the public never heard of. In a matter of minutes by pushing the right buttons it can

assemble in capsule form all that is known about a particular country, thanks to mechanical and electronic ingenuity.

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Quotes From the News

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Jimmie Kees, three foot, six inch circus midget, prevented by a Bristol, England, magistrate from marrying a 19-year-old girl: "Who are the magistrates to deprive me of a wife?"

Gen. Julio Alberto Lagos, commander of the Argentine rebels' army, on whether Peron should be permitted to leave the country: "A delinquent must be brought to trial."

Ed Sullivan, television master of ceremonies, on his use of performers fired by Arthur Godfrey: "If Godfrey wants to let go of a performer while he's big, I'll use the performer. The only test is the entertainment value of the performer. I'd be delighted to have Godfrey on my show."

Leroy Gore, founder of the "Joe Must Go" club which fought Sen. Joseph McCarthy, on his projected trip to Russia: "I want to make a study of the dairy situation there and I would like to do a picture story of the little people."

Jose Maza, Chilean president-elect of the United Nations General Assembly, on freedom of the press: "Journalists should not have to seek indirectly for information it is their duty to transmit to the world."

Prince Aly Khan on reports that Rita Hayworth might go to Europe with their daughter, Yasmín: "I ask nothing from her mother than to be allowed to see my daughter and to be able to make sure she is being well brought up."

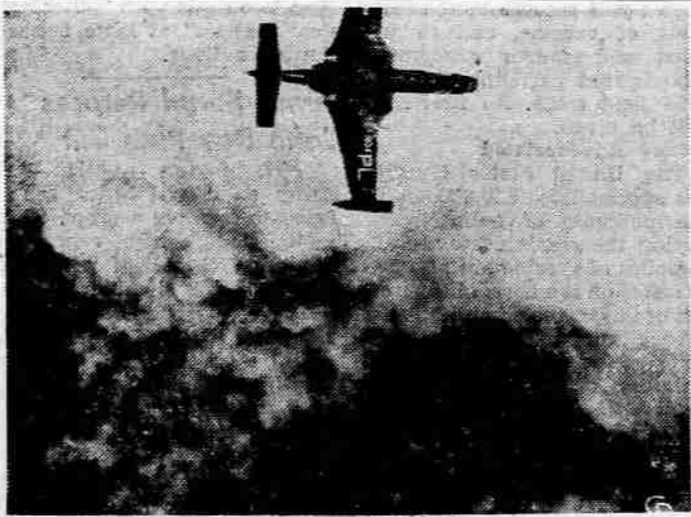
Military Junta Seen As Argentina Rulers

Washington—(U.P.)—Diplomats here expect a military junta to rule Argentina for several months while ways are sought to bring back constitutional Democracy to replace the Peron dictatorship.

They do not rule out entirely the possibility that Peron might still wiggle out of the situation in which he was forced to offer

his resignation by a combined revolt of the navy and a large part of the army.

Diplomats, however, said that this time it looks as if his hold on power had probably run out. If so, it came as an accumulation of disappointments among the populace ever the economic situation and resentment at his treatment of the Roman Catholic church, experts said.



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