

ATLAS TRAIL—This is the 4½-ton Atlas satellite guided into space by the Air Force at Cape Canaveral, Fla., as it passed over Austin, Texas. The path of the 85-foot long intercontinental ballistic missile in this photo appears to be erratic, but is caused by camera movement during time exposure.

Right Approach Needed To Solve U. S. Problems With Latin America

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Washington —(UPI)—The problems that beset United States relations with Latin America are complex and urgent. But they can be solved if we know what they are and approach them in the right spirit.

Many of them are rooted in the fact of one immensely powerful and productive nation living next door to a group of smaller nations of greatly varying economies, populations and stages of progress.

The disparity in U.S. and Latin American living standards was not so important 50 years ago. Travel was slow and Latin Americans who traveled usually went to Europe. But the air age has changed that. Thousands of Latin Americans now visit the United States every year, to see at first hand the dazzling results of technological economy. They can never again be content with the old ways.

Latin American countries are usually classified as "underdeveloped," which is a way of saying that their major products traditionally are farm produce and raw materials. U.S. economic aid dur-

ing World War II gave most Latin American people their first taste of the benefits of an industrial economy. It whetted their appetite for more.

But at the end of the war, the United States found itself involved in worldwide responsibilities, which naturally detracted from the attention given Latin America. There were fluctuations in the prices of some of Latin America's basic products, such as cotton, sugar, coffee, copper, tin, lead and wool. There were accompanied by serious inflation in several countries. Latin Americans began to fear that their powerful neighbor had lost interest in their economic progress.

Those who are familiar with the United States know that this is not true. The economic destinies of North and South America are too closely linked for there to be any thought of the United States "abandoning" Latin America. Witness only two figures: the United States sells 25 per cent of its total exports to Latin America. It buys nearly half of Latin America's exports.

Latin America has made some progress in its drive to industrialize. During the past 17 years, industrial production has increased 175 per cent. But the output of highly industrialized nations has increased even faster, with the result that each year sees Latin Americans falling further behind such nations in relative living standards.

Another factor is the rapid growth in Latin America's population, which offsets increases in production. Latin America's population growth rate, about 2.7 per cent a year, is the fastest of any major area in the world. By the end of the century, at the present rate of growth, Latin America's population will be 493,000,000 compared to 380,000,000 for the United States and Canada.

This population explosion multiplies demands for facilities that do not exist, and puts an intolerable overload on those that do exist. The simplest necessities of life, such as electricity and water become scarce. Shirts also exist in housing, schools, hospitals, railroads, telephones, automobiles and textile mills, to name only a few.

If Latin America is to gain and keep a place in the industrialized world of the 20th century, it must make in a single generation the material progress that kept the United States busy for a 100 years. I believe it can be done. But to do it we must use all kinds of capital and technical assistance, wherever we can get it.

We must also give urgent attention to health and education. Sick people cannot be productive, and a man who cannot read can hardly be expected to operate modern machinery. The Pan American Sanitary Organization, working in cooperation with national governments, has already done much to curb the great killer, malaria. Extension of this program, estimated to cost \$150,000,000, can completely eradicate malaria in the western hemisphere within five years. The hideous tropical affliction of yaws also can be controlled with penicillin.

An estimated 40 per cent of Latin America's adult population is still illiterate. Although efforts are being made to overcome this grave handicap, progress is spotty. The efforts must be greatly increased.

Solutions to our problems, in the field of international commerce are perhaps even more complex. A number of nations have found an economic cushion in an expanded tourist business. But a country such as Chile, which depends almost entirely upon copper, or Cuba, which depends upon sugar, is like a man walking on one leg. Anything that happens to his single support is likely to be disastrous.

Commodity agreements that would prevent overly drastic drops in the prices of important products would enable Latin American countries to make long-term plans with

Pilots' Spokesmen Call Early Ending Talk Premature

Chicago —(UPI)—Spokesmen for 1,500 American Airlines pilots yesterday indicated predictions of an early end to the strike that has grounded the nation's largest fleet of airlines may have been premature.

C. N. Sayen, president of the Air Lines Pilots Association, said that although he spoke by telephone with Levert Edwards, chairman of the National Mediation Board, about a truce proposal, he had "no idea" where Edwards had got the impression a settlement was in the offing.

Edwards announced Friday that the results of a conversation between the three-man mediation board in Wash-

ington and the ALPA in Chicago made him "hopeful the strike may be resolved within the next few days."

"Clarification" "The only thing discussed was the proposal forwarded earlier by Mr. Edwards," Sayen said. "There were some points on that proposal that needed clarification."

Neither Edwards nor Sayen said which of the 12 points in the package proposal were discussed.

American Airlines, which has been strikebound since Dec. 21, accepted Edwards' proposal shortly after it was proffered but the union has held out for further clarification of the terms.

The strike against American, coupled with twin strikes by flight engineers and mechanics at Eastern Airlines, had idled one third of the nation's air carriers at the height of the Christmas holiday travel rush.

Although machinists have accepted a new contract, a spokesman said they will not cross picket lines still maintained by the striking engineers, now in the 34th day.

Should the engineers settle their differences with EAL, the airline has still another problem — the Flight Attendants Union is threatening to strike if an agreement is not reached in its negotiations with the company.

Food Store Men Get Criticism

Los Angeles —(UPI)—The executive secretary of Retail Clerks Union local 770 yesterday accused the Food Employers' council of "stalling in order to create a crisis" in negotiations to avert a threatened strike at most supermarkets in the greater Los Angeles area New Year's day.

Joseph T. DeSilvia, spokesman for nine southern California locals representing some 36,000 clerks, said employer representatives left the negotiating table for a caucus and then did not return.

"This is a strange negotiation, where the employers leave for a caucus and never come back," DeSilvia said. "The time is very short and we still have not received any counter proposal from the employers."

In addition, there might be an Inter-American Payments Union which could extend to member countries credits to be repaid during periods of high export earnings. This would also simplify the exchange of currencies and tend to stimulate trade through the entire hemisphere.

Perhaps the basis of all such foreign trade reforms should be a system of regional common markets or free trade zones similar to those now being planned among the Central American countries. This would be a first step toward economic integration of the hemisphere. It would rest on the slow but steady reduction of tariffs and other trade barriers.

These are our chief mutual problems in the Western Hemisphere. All are difficult, and all are inextricably interlocked. Some are closer to solution than others, but I believe remedies exist for them all. Reaching the solutions presuppose a high degree of international cooperation; it also presupposes the will to change established policies.

In this period of rapid transition our problems can be solved only through a deep understanding of common interests, on the basis of imaginative and far reaching proposals.

FBI Investigates Jewelry Theft

Palm Springs —(UPI)—FBI agents and Riverside county sheriff's deputies yesterday investigated the theft of some \$6,000 in jewelry from the wife of land developer Walter Boltz.

Mrs. Pauline Boltz, whose husband developed an area known as Palm Springs Country Club Estates, told sheriff's deputies that the theft apparently occurred sometime over the Christmas holiday but was not discovered until this morning.

Mrs. Boltz said a platinum bracelet and a wristwatch, both diamond studded, were among the missing items.

U. N. Official To Talk in L. A.

Los Angeles —(UPI)—Charles E. Ducommun, executive chairman of the 1959 Business Outlook conference here Jan. 13, yesterday announced that Dr. Charles Malik of Lebanon will be a principal speaker at the conference.

Dr. Malik, president of the United Nations' General Assembly, will address the dinner session of the 11th annual conference, which will be held at the Ambassador hotel under the sponsorship of the Chamber of Commerce and 21 other community groups. Ducommun said Dr. Malik would speak on "Some Problems Facing Business" — an analysis of international trading conditions under "cold war" conditions.

WEATHER PROPHECY

Cortland, N.Y. —(UPI)—David R. Rice won the \$50 bond which a local radio station offered to the person who could pick the first day when the temperature would reach 90 degrees. David is three years old.

Science

Chicago —(UPI)—A five-year study has been started by the Cancer Prevention Center to determine what physical changes women undergo between the ages of 35 and 50. Dr. F. Lee Stone, director, said more than 5,000 women are examined each year at the center.

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SITTING BESIDE BODIES of relatives and friends killed when a bus loaded with Christmas shoppers overturned 40 miles from Oaxaca are Mexicans awaiting arrival of authorities. Seventy-two died in worst traffic accident in Mexico's history.

Railroad Man Held on Charges

Los Angeles —(UPI)—Railroad worker Victor E. Miranda, 23, was held yesterday on suspicion of felony hit-run and drunk driving in connection with the death of two-year-old Nora Elena Lopez.

The child suffered fatal injuries when she was struck by a car as she and her mother walked hand-in-hand in a crosswalk.

She was thrown 35 feet by the force of impact and suffered a skull fracture. Her mother, Eleanor Lopez, 21, escaped injury.

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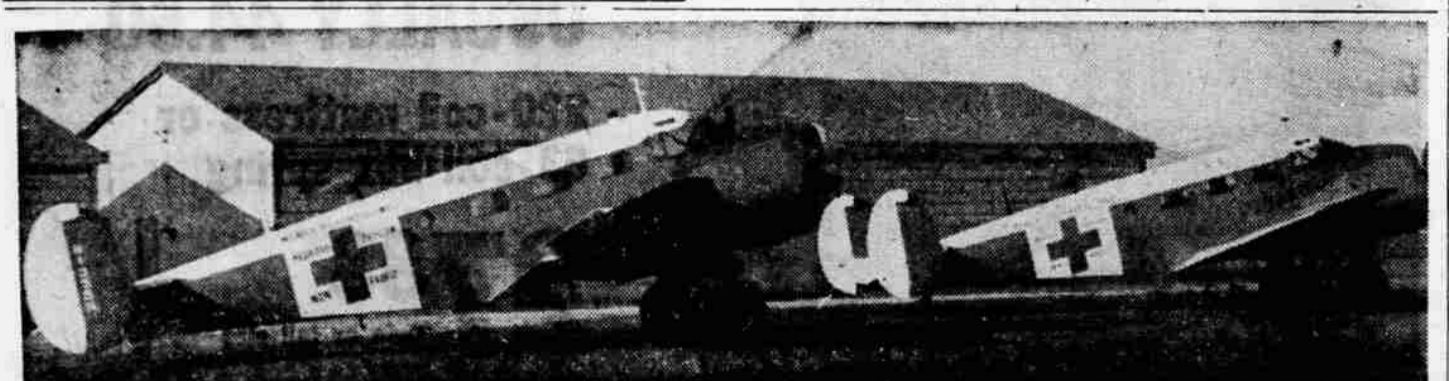
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