

Policy Change Needed in Latin America

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Washington—Any threat of Communism in the key countries of South America "can be easily checked" by cooperation between the U.S. and democratic leaders in those countries, plus some shifts in policy and programs for helping Latin American economic development, Sen. Wayne Morse believes.

Just returned from a tour of six nations—Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Chile and Venezuela—Morse said he found a "deep reservoir of good will toward the United States among the people of all these countries."

While they may have serious criticisms of some U.S. policies, their people and leaders "want to be friends with us," he said.

Morse, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on Latin America, is in the midst of an exhaustive study of Latin America begun after Vice President Nixon's stormy trip of last year. Studies of each country are being made by various American specialists. Prof. Raymond Mikesell of the University of Oregon has filed a study on "Problems of Economic Development of Latin America."

The governments of the six nations he visited are all democratic and "strongly anti-Communist," he reported. He said Communists are trying to persuade Latin Americans that the U.S. engages in "economic intervention all over Latin America."

One example he cited was criticism of the U.S. for refusal to extend loans to some countries because they were for government-run projects, rather than privately-run enterprises.

Exceptions have been made in Brazil and Argentina for U.S. loans to assist construction of government-run steel plants. Morse said refusal to grant such loans makes the U.S. appear to be trying to dictate economic policies to the countries seeking loans.

Economic Help Voted
Morse said economic help to South America is far more important than military aid, which he vowed to try to reduce when Congress convenes. Economic aid, in loans and Point Four technical assistance, is "helping develop a middle class, with higher incomes from more and more people. This results in more private home and business ownership," he said.

He told of watching a Point Four demonstration of sheep shearing with power-driven shears, performed for Bolivian Indians who had "walked miles over rough terrain to witness this demonstration."

He said these natives had never seen such a productive shearing method, for they use the tops of tin cans and consequently get only about a third as much wool from their sheep. He said many Indians signed up to have the shearing rig come out to their farms at shearing time.

"The most serious threat of Communism is in the rural areas, just as it proved to be in Russia and China," observed Morse. He said President Lleras Camargo of Colombia was critical of U.S. refusal to lend any assistance with land reform programs, for that is the key to much

economic improvement throughout Latin America and "the most effective way to check Communism."

Workers Like Serfs
Morse said the workers, little more than serfs, may never leave the large estates which they work for a lifetime. He said they represent a "breeding ground for Communism." The senator said this discovery alone justified his trip, and that he plans to advocate U.S. help for "fair distribution of land to the landless and fair compensation to land owners."

Military aid, especially to Latin dictators in the past, was strongly criticized, Morse said. The senator said the president of one country told him: "You Americans should have learned your lesson in Cuba. Castro proved that determined peasants, fighting in the mountains, cannot be overwhelmed by modern weapons. America sent Cuba's dictator, Batista, the best weapons, and he still lost. The chiefs of my army and navy and air force know that if the peasants of our country start fighting us

Message To Santa On White House Letterhead Found

Washington—A letter to Santa Claus from the White House?

Evidently, because there on the envelope was the inscription used by the office of President Eisenhower's special assistant, Wilton B. Persons. It had been marked over, but there it was.

Officials at Washington's main post office, who often have to open letters to Santa in order to determine how they will be delivered, looked into this one.

White House Letterhead

The single sheet of paper inside also bore the White House letterhead. Written on it was this:

"Dear Santa
"Would you bring me a rick-o-shay pistols two gun holsters (sic) top grain leather with six brass bullets for \$3.66, and a luger ejector pistol for 95c it will be \$3.66 .95

\$4.51
"Yours truly, James Edward Lewis."

A check at the return address written on the envelope disclosed these facts: James Edward is the 9-year-old son of James H. Lewis, a custodial worker in the city school system who works part-time at a local health center.

Found Stationery
One day when James Edward's father was dumping trash in a bin at the center, he found a batch of unused White House stationery. Rather than let it go to the trash heap, he took it home for James Edward and his six other children to doodle on.

Last month, when the holiday spirit prompted James Edward to put in his Christmas request, he took care of the entire business himself.

"We knew he was writing to Santa Claus," his father said, "but we didn't know he was using the fancy paper and envelopes."

No one knows how the official stationery found its way into the trash bin.

from the mountains, we cannot suppress them no matter what weapons we get from America. What we need from you are not weapons, but financial loans and technical help so we can improve the economic lot of our people."

Morse expressed sympathy for the plans and aspirations of a number of countries to invest in major public works programs. He noted how similar Chile is to the West Coast of the United States, but badly in need of a highway network to tap its rich mineral deposits.

Program in Brazil
"In Brazil, President Kubitschek is sponsoring a high public works program," Morse said. "He believes that roads, railroads, steel mills, refineries, schools, and health centers must come first before there is any hope for a higher standard of living for millions of people in the United States of Brazil."

Morse told how Brazil was turned down in requesting a loan from the International Bank because the bank felt Brazil was trying "to do in 5 years what should take 30 years." He reported that the president said "our people won't wait 30 years."

"Many of these public works can be self-liquidating, and offer sound opportunities for American loans," said Morse. "That is one reason why I have for years been urging Congress to increase our economic loans and cut down our wasteful military grants in Latin America."

"The needs of millions of people in South America make it necessary for their government to adopt large-scale programs in the economic field," said Morse. "This does not mean they are going socialist; rather it means those governments must answer the urging of their people for a better living standard."

Inspects Countryside
Morse took some opportunities to inspect the countryside and livestock, a subject of great personal interest to him as a long-time horse and cattle breeder. In Argentina he drove out on the pampas, which he recalled reading about as a boy. He said they drove for 15 or 20 miles across this rich grazing land where the grass grew as high as the car radiator and the terrain was absolutely flat

and unmarred by any rocks or gullies.

The short horn cattle he saw were some of the finest he had ever seen, said Morse, but he was disappointed in their horses compared with American quarter horses.

Instrument Detects Fast Reactions
Cincinnati (Science Service)—Chemical reactions that occur in 1/10,000th of a second can be detected and analyzed with the aid of an electric instrument known as a Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometer built by Bendix Aviation corporation here.

The instrument derives its tremendous speed from instantaneous identification of vaporized gases, liquids and solids revealed by their respective molecular masses. Ionized molecules of the elements being analyzed are pulsed like radar signals from one end of the tube to the other.

Their speed, or "time of flight," is measured electronically and appears as a wave pattern on a picture tube.

Thus, the instrument can analyze an instantaneous sequence of chemical reactions such as those that take place in flames and explosions.

Some tropical coconuts weigh 40 pounds apiece.

Taxi Driver Takes Customer 'for Ride'

Denmark, S.C.—A visitor here complained to police he was "taken for a ride" by a taxi-driver.

He said he took a taxi to the bar, then invited the driver to join him in a drink.

After they had finished drinking, the cab driver demanded \$8.95. The driver claimed that was how much time had been run up on the meter while they were inside.

New Jersey installed its electric chair at the Trenton State Prison in 1907. Before that, hanging was the method of execution.

Some Mice Prefer Alcohol to Water

New Haven, Conn. — (Science Service) — A mouse's genes apparently help determine whether he will prefer alcohol to water.

A study of 40 mice — four males and four females for each of five different strains — rivals a "significant strain difference" in alcohol preference, two University of California researchers report here.

All five groups were given as much food as they wanted and both water and a 10 percent alcohol solution were available. Only one group showed a consistent preference for the alcohol, choosing the alcohol even when the drinking dishes were switched. The mouse's sex did not seem to influence its drinking habits in any group. Drs. Gerald E. McClearn and David A. Rodgers point out in the current issue of the Quarterly Journal of Studies on Alcohol.

Hitch-Hiker Claims It's Risky Business

Ottawa, Ont.—Add occupational hazards: Matthews Stanley, trying to hitch-hike to his home in Toronto, stood a bit too close to the highway, he told officers.

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