U.S. Said Prepared To Aid Any Latin American Nation Facing Communist Overthrow Threat

Washington — (UPI) — A top State Department official has assured Congress that the United States is prepared to give military help to any Latin American nation requesting aid to avert a Communist overthrow, it was disclosed today.

The disclosure was made by the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Latin America which recently concluded three weeks of investigation into the spread of Castro-Communist subversion in Latin America.

A censored copy of the previously - secret testimony was made public Thursday by chairman Armistead Selden (D-Ala.). Selden's subcommittee issued its finding at the same time.

"Our basic position is that any government which asks for help in this matter will receive help," assistant Secretary of State Edwin M. Martin told the subcommittee. "We are prepared militarily in anticipation of a political decision to give it."

Prepare for Force

Significantly, the House group's main recommendation was that the United States should be prepared to use military force, if needed, in response to any request for help by any hemispheric nation in danger of being over thrown by Castro-Communist subversion.

Selden asked Martin during the hearings:

"In the event Communist subversion reaches the point that some freely-elected government in Latin America is overthrown as a result of Communist infiltration and subversion, and this freely-elected government requests the United States to move in and help them, are we prepared to do so or has any policy decision been made along that line?"

Martin replied: "I do think it is difficult to anticipate all the circumstances in which military force may or may not be used, military force being what it is and having chain reactions. Nevertheless, the declaration of Punta Del Este contemplates bilateral assistance on request in dealing with Communist subversion.

'Direct Answer'

"And our basic position is that any government which asks us for help in this matter will receive help. We are prepared militarily in anticipation of a political decision to give it."

Selden called Martin's response "a very direct answer" and said: "I am extremely happy to have it."

In its recommendations, the House subcommittee also said every effort must be made by the United States to assure collective action by the Organization of American States toward the curbing of Communist subversion activities and traffic in the hemisphere. But it made clear there should be no bar to unilateral U. S. action where a threat to the national security exists.

The subcommittee also recommended that the United States seek the "complete diplomatic and economic quarantine of Communist Cuba by other nations of the hemisphere."

Presented — A Solution

Where To Erect the Statues Cause Of Grim Tug-of-War in Washington

By DICK WEST

Washington — (UPI) — Crises come and crises go, but monuments are always with us.

West

Year in, year out, I suppose that monuments are the largest single cause of friction in the capital, give or take cocktail parties. Right now we are witnessing a grim tug-of-war over the statue of Gen. John A. Rawlins, who spent a glorious term as secretary of war during the Grant administration.

One group has started a campaign to move the statue to Wyoming, where Rawlins once sojourned. This has stimulated a rival campaign to move it to Illinois, where he was born.

Anyone who has ever seen the statue might be pardoned for suspecting that the campaign to move it to Wyoming was instigated by Illinois, and vice versa. But no. The proposal to move it to Illinois originated in Indiana.

Without getting any more deeply involved in that, let us move on to the conflict between the proposed memorial to President Madison and the projected annex to the Library of Congress.

One group wants to build the annex on a plot of land that Congress recently acquired across the street from the library. Another group wants to use that space for the Madison Memorial.

Rep. William B. Widnall (R-N.J.), an annex man himself, had reprinted in the Congressional Record this week a compromise solution put forth by one of my colleagues, John McKelway of the Washington Evening Star.

Under the McKelway plan, a big hole would be dug at the disputed site and in it would be placed the controversial $10 million aquarium the Congress approved last year.

Above the aquarium would be erected the library annex. McKelway recommends that the annex have glass floors, "so that bored librarians could watch the fish."

Over the annex would be placed the proposed new FBI building, which also has created a dispute, and above that would stand the old sandstone columns removed from the east front of the Capitol.

The columns, a source of still another controversy, would support a parking lot for the Supreme Court. And rising from it would be the Madison Memorial.

The entire structure would then be crowned by the controversial Franklin Roosevelt Memorial.

McKelway suggested that such an edifice might even top the Washington Monument as a tourist attraction. In that, I concur.

I also agree with Widnall, who said it "may be the answer we have all been looking forward to—that is, everyone but the marble salesmen."

Two SOC Faculty Members Attend Chicago Meeting

Ashland—Dr. Bill Sampson, chairman of the education division, and Dr. Alva W. Graham, professor of education and social science at Southern Oregon college, represented the college at the Eighteenth National Conference on Higher Education recently in Chicago.

"Critical Decisions in Higher Education" was the theme of the conference.

Professors and college administrators, which numbered over 1,700, stressed new technological teaching devices on one hand and concern for how students can acquire enduring attitudes and knowledge to deal with the revolutionary changes ahead on the other. The American college was characterized as a place of loneliness and confusion.

Question Raised

The questions, "How can we get indifferent teachers to accept the responsibilities that go with teaching?" and "How can we lead the student to the profound experiences that lie below the surface?" were raised. It was also stated that "teachers are too much concerned with facts and too little with showing wisdoms," and emphasis was placed on teaching and learning in the old tradition of personal relationships.

Glenn T. Seaborg, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, told conference members that "man's power to mold the world to his liking is almost unlimited," but he added, "it is not too soon to think of the tremendous social problems this power would create."

Dr. Fred Harrington, president of the University of Wisconsin, in a discussion of the federal government and the future of higher education, stated that increasing support of higher education is inevitable and desirable. "The federal government will spread its support generally for reasons of supporting the economy and for political reasons."

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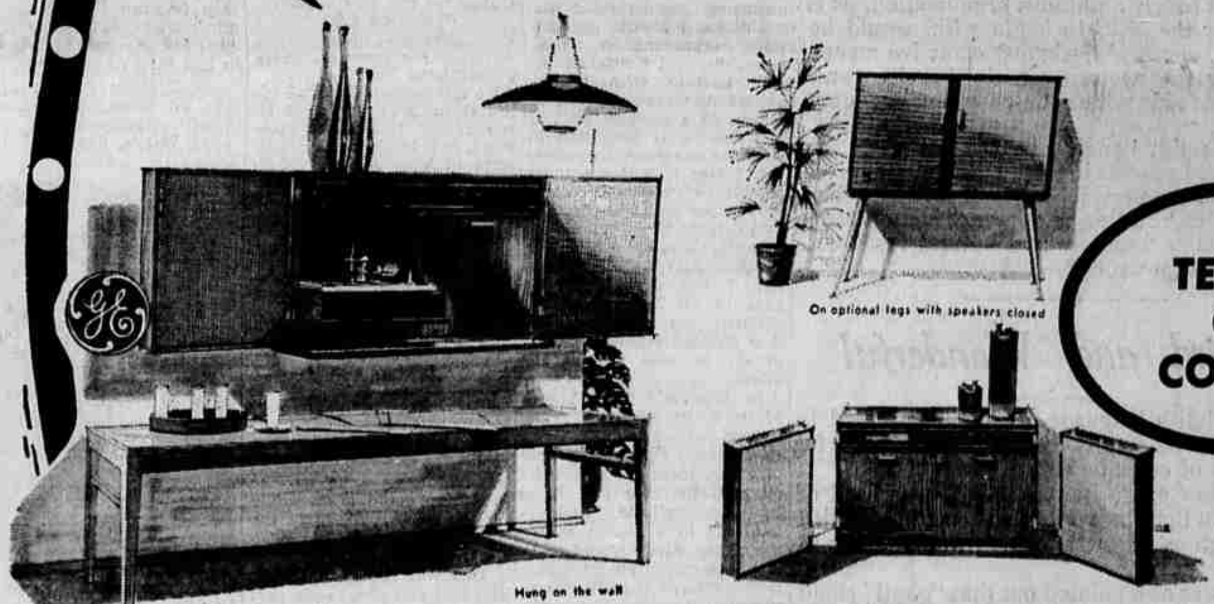

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