

Haiti's President Little Concerned About Communist Subversion

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Port-Au-Prince, Haiti —UPI—
Haiti's President Francois Duvalier is little concerned with Communist subversion as a threat to his strong-armed regime, even though Cuba is only 50 miles away across the sparkling Caribbean waters.

While other Caribbean and Central American republics view Fidel Castro's regime with growing alarm, the grim-faced, 55-year-old former country doctor has two good reasons to be calm.

First, as long as Duvalier maintains his present critical attitude toward the United States, Castro is likely to regard Haiti with tolerance rather than with enmity.

Communists Have Thoughts
Second, the poverty-stricken French-speaking Negro republic is so beset by problems that even Communists, who thrive on exploiting misery for their political ends, seem to have had second thoughts about Haiti.

Where Duvalier's government is casting a weary eye is on the neighboring Dominican Republic whose new president, Dr. Juan Bosch, is a declared foe of dictators.

Louis Chauvet, Duvalier's tough-minded, articulate interior secretary, told this correspondent last week he would be closely watching the activities of recently arrived exiled Haitian political leaders in the Dominican Republic.

"We would not be surprised," he declared, "if Bosch decided to launch a crusade simultaneously against Cuba and Haiti."

Educated in Belgium
Chauvet, who was educated in Belgium to be an agronomist, intimated that an agreement existed between the Dominican president and the United States.

"As soon as Bosch has his country's economic situation under control he will allow thousands of Cubans now in the U. S. armed forces to regroup in the Dominican Republic and begin a local war against Castro," he added.

A tall, muscular, square-jawed man, Chauvet is one of the leaders of the civil militia Duvalier relies on to quash any attempt against the regime.

Although Radio Havana continues its daily one-hour long broadcasts in Creole to Haiti, Chauvet viewed the Dominican Republic and Venezuela as the center of anti-Duvalier plotting.

Pats Revolver
Confidently patting a .38 revolver he always carries in his belt, Chauvet said:
"If we are attacked I assure you we shall know how to defend ourselves, no matter from where the attack may come."

But behind this facade of confidence are persistent rumblings of underground activities many observers predict will erupt before May 22, the date when Duvalier celebrates the second anniversary of his "relection."

Foreign observers, U. S.



DOING DAY'S WORK—Native women in the poverty-stricken French-speaking Negro republic of Haiti go about doing a day's work in squalid marketplace at Port-au-Prince, Haiti. (UPI)

officials included, believe the anti-Duvalier underground is becoming increasingly better organized and effective. There also is a possibility of revolt by Haiti's 5,000-man army, although it is far inferior in numbers and in weapons to Duvalier's civil militia.

Underground Organizations
A dozen or more underground organizations are said to be operating in Haiti, a desperately poor, overpopulated, mostly illiterate country which shares the island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic.

This smelly, crowded capital city is seething with rumors of conspiracy against Duvalier tyranny.

Most of the anti-government ferment has come from student groups and from the small urban middle class. It is doubtful that Duvalier needs to worry about the apathetic peasantry which continues to call him affectionately "Papa Doc."

The wealthier landowners and merchants who have profited from the regime are not inclined to lose its favor by heeding calls to join the opposition.

Students Are Killed
When four students were killed and scores arrested during an anti-government demonstration last month, an appeal went out to upper class families to protest the incident by not attending the carnival festivities at the fashionable clubs of Petion Vile, a residential section of the

Haitian capital, Port Au Prince.

One student leader commented bitterly: "They turned over our pamphlets to the police and went dancing all the same even though some had friends and relatives in prison."

The indifference shown to the students has given an unexpected boost to the more radical underground movements.

One of the most active groups is the Peoples National party which publishes the clandestine newspaper, Haiti Tomorrow. It alternates its attacks against "U. S. imperialism" and "the fascist regime of Duvalier."

Revolutionary Party
The Haitian Revolutionary party, made up mainly of students, is said to have Communist sympathizers in its leadership.

The Popular Socialist party put out another clandestine journal, "Democratic Action," patterned after Venezuelan President Romulo Betancourt's party, and a newspaper for peasants.

U. S. experts believe that the influence of French Communists and Moscow on the Haitian political scene far exceeds that of Castro.

In a report to Congress on Communist subversion in Haiti, U. S. Ambassador Raymond L. Thurston discounts reports that Cuba was training French-speaking Africans to penetrate the island republic.

One reason for his skepticism was that 90 per cent of

the Haitian people who would be the principal target of such a scheme, speak Creole and not French.

Thurston also rejected the notion that Castro was mounting an invasion against Haiti. He said the Cuban leader would not dare for fear of direct U. S. retaliation.

The envoy, a sophisticated career diplomat with years of service in Moscow, Paris and Athens, did not conceal his belief that the political situation was dangerous.

But he said what Haiti most needed was "an effective and organized program of economic and social development."

The United States last October virtually halted all its economic aid programs on the grounds that they were not being administered efficiently.

PRESENTS PAPER
Ashland—Dr. James Doerter, chairman of the Southern Oregon college art department, presented a research paper entitled "The Influence of College Painting Instructors upon their Students' Work," at the National Art Education association national convention recently in Kansas City, Mo.

Contracts Signed For Development

Ashland — Contracts for the principal design, development, construction and financing of the retirement development around the Oak Knoll Golf Course near Ashland have been signed by the Oak Knoll Land corporation with M. C. Lininger and Sons, Edson and Pappas, Armin Richter and Associates, Building Materials, Inc., and Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan association.

Construction of the first units will be by Armin Richter and Associates, in association with Building Materials, Inc.

Both firms are headquartered in Medford.

Construction of streets and all utilities, as well as development of outdoor recreation areas on the property, will be done by M. C. Lininger and Sons of Medford and Ashland.

Provide Some Financing
Jackson County Federal is providing part of the financing for the over-all development and will make financing available for buyers of homes in the project.

Improvements on the golf course, owned by the city of Ashland but leased by the corporation for 33 years, began early this month. Surveying for streets and utility lines in the development itself is under way. The corporation plans to have two model homes open no later than June 1, William Dawkins, president of the firm, said.

Edson and Pappas, Medford architects, will have architectural control of the project and are designing the first 300

homes and garden apartment units. The local firm will work closely with Rick Engineering, San Diego land planners and engineers.

Residence in the planned

Veterinarians Named To Committee Posts

Three Medford area veterinarians have been appointed to 1963 committee posts in the Oregon Veterinary Medical association, according to Dr. R. E. Koenig, Portland, president.

They include Dr. D. P. Phillips, membership and program; Dr. R. F. Wilcox, program and public relations, both of Medford; Dr. J. E. Perry, Eagle Point, public health.

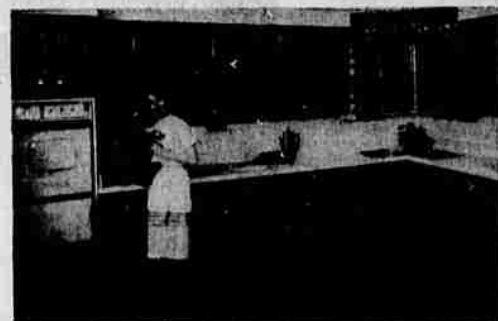
community will be limited to adults, with the major appeal directed to retired and semi-retired people who enjoy active, outdoor life, Dawkins said. In addition to the golf course and a new club facility, various recreation and service facilities will be developed for residents.

The golf course will remain open to the public, but other facilities will be for the use of residents and under the control of a home owners association.

In addition to Dawkins, directors of the development corporation are E. H. Singmaster of Ashland, Donald Herried, Manville Heisel, John Reid and Armin Richter of Medford, and William Zeiser of Rogue River.

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