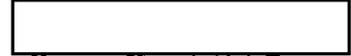


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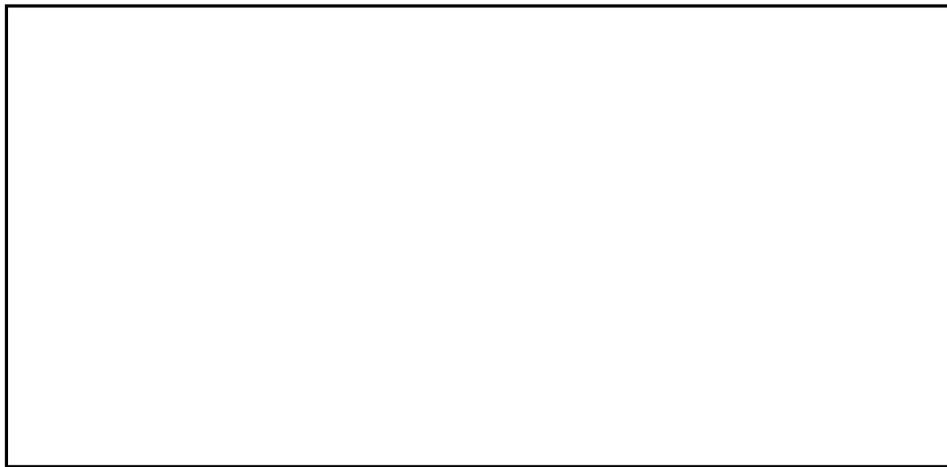
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Cuba: Cuban efforts to stimulate revolutions elsewhere in Latin America are continuing, and the Cubans apparently regard Venezuela as currently the most important target.

Blas Roca, in a public address on 23 January, praised the Venezuelan "people" for their present struggle against the Betancourt "tyranny." He expressed Cuban appreciation for the acts of sabotage committed in the Venezuelan oil fields during the crisis last fall. He used this as an example of "proletarian internationalism" and stated flatly that "we shall continue to give our support, each day in greater proportions, to the Venezuelan people."

Roca, one of Cuba's two top veteran Communists, was more specific in this speech than was Fidel Castro--who twice this month has singled out the "people's struggle" in Venezuela for special mention. Roca concluded his speech by declaring that when the Venezuelan revolution is successful, then "all Latin America will be ablaze." "The victory of Venezuela," he declared, "will give Cuba a tremendous boost... we will have a nation on the continent to back us."

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Peru: There is increasing dissension within the governing military junta over the methods to be used in controlling the left-wing, anti-Communist APRA movement.

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The US Embassy at Lima reports that Perez Godoy is under strong pressure to resign on 2 February when he reaches the mandatory military retirement limit of 35 years of service. Perez Godoy, however, has repeatedly stated that he intends to stay in the junta until an elected civilian government is installed on 28 July.

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Congo: UN officials are trying to work out a role for Adoula's representatives in Elisabethville that will not increase tension there.)

25X1 [] (The UN's chief of civil operations has told US officials that he would like to insulate South Katanga from the potential horde of carpetbaggers from Leopoldville until UN experts can complete the detailed work of integration. He said that he intends to urge Adoula to limit the function and number of Congolese officials in Elisabethville and that he has already sent twenty of them back to Leopoldville.)

(At the same time, the UN plans to ask Adoula to furnish three or four battalions to serve with UN units in Katanga. UN officials in New York believe that the incorporation of these battalions into the UN force would satisfy Leopoldville's desire to send additional troops to Katanga but would provide the safeguard of UN control over them.) []

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NOTE

Algeria-Angola: An Algerian mission now in Leopoldville will almost certainly explore ways of providing further aid to Angolan nationalists. On 16 January Premier Ben Bella renewed pledges of "unconditional support" to them. Last year Algerian forces trained some 50 Angolan guerrillas, which now are probably in the Congo, and in December Ben Bella gave the Angolans a substantial quantity of small arms

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