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Castro Plots in Brazil Confirmed

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Brazil's new anti-communist regime has discovered hard evidence that Castro's Cuba was aiding subversion in their country.

No matter how Brazil eventually uses this evidence, the fact increases Venezuela's chance to obtain effective Organization of American States action on Cuban subversion already proved in Venezuela.

Venezuela already has enough OAS votes to call an OAS meeting on Cuba. As soon as President Raul Leoni was inaugurated, he rushed Dr. Enrique Tejera Paris, Venezuela's able ambassador to Washington and the OAS, back to the U. S. to push for an early date.

KEY MEETINGS

Venezuelan and other pro-democratic hemisphere leaders remind us that two important OAS meetings are in prospect. First is the showdown over Cuban subversion. Second is the meeting, to be held consecutively, on "strengthening democracy in the hemisphere."

This second meeting must deal with the problem of coups. Venezuela today does not recognize Haiti nor the coup-created governments of Guatemala, Honduras, Ecuador and the Dominican Republic. They are inclined to judge the new Brazilian regime constitutional because former President Joao Goulart left Brazil without legal permission from Congress, tho it was in session, and thus vacated the presidency.

Venezuela believes the coup problem should be solved by having hemisphere consultations whenever a coup occurs. Each case would thus be judged collectively on its merits. At present, each New World government follows its own policy on recognizing de facto regimes.

NEW VISTAS

Brazil's discovery of new hard proof against Cuba opens many new vistas. At the very least, it will shatter the "anti-sanction" bloc.

Both Bolivia and Chile, which joined Brazil and Mexico as the hard core of the anti-sanction bloc, will listen to an anti-Castro Brazil as they would never listen to either Venezuela or the U. S.

Argentina has been hesitating to endorse the anti-Cuban OAS meeting for fear it would split the Latin American bloc at the World Conference on Trade and Development at Geneva. But with Brazil switched on Castro, both Argentina and Uruguay, a fence-straddler, can be expected to change also.