

CUBA

- I. Seizure of refineries presents Cuba with short-term oil shortage, but within one month at most, Soviet Union can be supplying all Cuba's needs.
- A. Cuba requires about 1,680,000 barrels of crude per month to meet domestic needs.
1. [REDACTED] at least 812,000 barrels of Soviet crude now en route from Black Sea area for arrival in July.
 2. About 700,000 barrels arrived up to 1 July.
 3. Effects of shortage on economy could be only local and temporary; if Soviet really steps in--as is likely.
 4. Shortages in supply of refined products could develop as result of difficulties in maintaining refineries and obtaining spare parts.
- II. Cuban reaction to US sugar law has been quick and violent as expected.
- A. Cuban Labor Confederation, Castro's Communist-controlled labor arm, has called for a mass rally protesting "aggression of imperialist and pro-Nazi government of US."
1. Date of rally not yet set.
 2. Bitterness being engendered against US so persistently that violent mob action against US property or personnel is possibility.
- III. Foreign Minister Roa apparently shortly to be replaced by pro-Communist Carlos Olivares who was named undersecretary on 17 June.

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- A. Olivares, a member of Raul Castro's clique, is assuming increased responsibilities while Roa remains in background.
 - 1. He recently returned from trip through Latin America roundly condemning US.
 - 2. He has been one of top organizers for Latin American Youth Congress, to open in Havana 26 July under Communist domination.
- IV. Former Cuban ambassador to London, who defected late June, has report that Major Juan Almeida, chief of Cuban army, is to be replaced shortly by 25-year-old Major William Galvez, now Inspector General.
 - A. Galvez is Communist now on way back to Cuba after visiting Soviet Union, Communist China, and North Vietnam.
 - B. During the past month, the Cuban ambassador designate to Washington and the ambassadors to Indonesia, Canada, and the UK have defected.
- V. Raul Castro's 15-man party arrived in Prague on 26 June.
 - A. Mexican ambassador in Prague has report Czechs have agreed to provide Cuba with small arms, artillery, and jet aircraft of unknown type.
 - B. Rumors in Havana say Raul is also going to visit Moscow to negotiate some form of pact with USSR.
 - C. Raul told the Czech press 2 July that it no longer would be disastrous for Cuba if US stops buying Cuban sugar since Cuba now has "the help of the Soviet Union and other socialist countries."
- VI. Cuba continues to provoke hostility of other Latin American governments.



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- A. Most recent incident was with Ecuador.
 - 1. Propaganda-laden Cuban plane landed without permission in Ecuador, provoking strong protests.
 - 2. Ecuador has expelled representative of Havana's Prensa Latina and government has told US embassy that no replacement will be permitted.
 - B. Propaganda plane also landed Panama, leading to Panamanian protests.
 - 1. Panama press has strongly condemned Castro regime.
 - C. El Salvador, Honduras, and Costa Rica considering joint break with Cuba; Guatemala and Nicaragua have already broken off relations.