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Cuban Government Seizes Subsidiary of American Firm:

On 29 December the Castro government assumed control of the Cuban subsidiary of the Otis Elevator Company, which had recently discharged 70 workers for economy reasons. The move was made under a new, sweeping, and ill-defined law which empowers the Labor Ministry to intervene in any enterprise where production is threatened by labor difficulties. The law has been feared by businessmen as being a means of political and economic retaliation. The company, which plans a legal appeal, feels the action resulted from pressure on the government by Communist labor leaders.

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