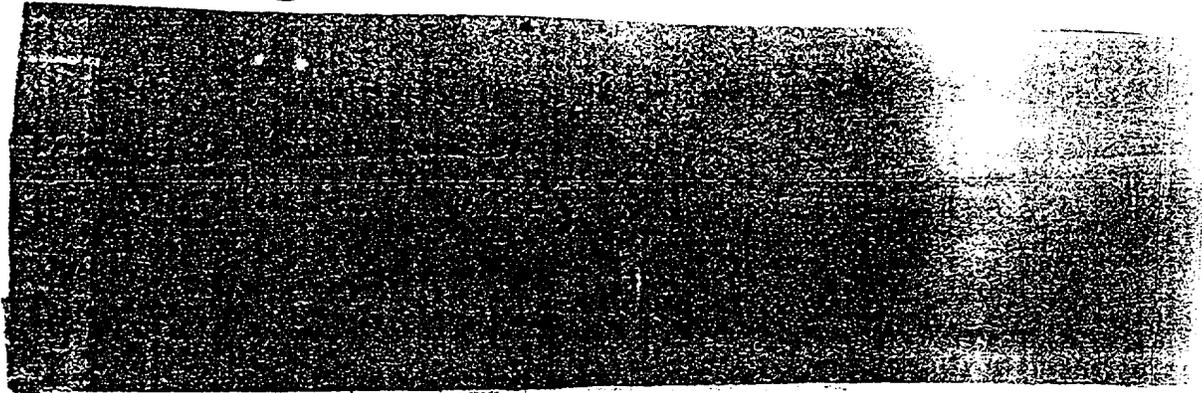


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12. Pro-Castro Demonstrations May Occur This Week in a Number Of Latin American Countries: Communists and other pro-Castro elements in a number of Latin American countries are likely to attempt demonstrations this week designed to influence the OAS foreign ministers who reconvened in Costa Rica on 22 August to consider the threat to the inter-American system posed by Soviet bloc ties to the Castro regime. Such demonstrations, encouraged and probably largely financed by the Castro regime, were attempted last week in Uruguay, Venezuela, El Salvador, and Ecuador, but with limited success.

In Uruguay, about 5,000 pro-Castro demonstrators stoned the US Embassy in the first show of violence against the embassy in recent years. A simultaneous student demonstration in support of the OAS aroused favorable comment among Uruguayans.

In El Salvador, Communist-led demonstrators damaged the plant of a conservative newspaper on 16 August and would also probably have attacked the US Embassy had it not been guarded by police. The subsequent arrest of Communist leaders and pro-Communist students who participated in this demonstration prompted a second student demonstration on 19 August. The embassy expects further agitation and disorders and possibly a student strike.

In Ecuador, pro-Castro demonstrations in Guayaquil were suppressed without serious difficulty on 18 August, and an attempt in Venezuela to stage a pro-Castro demonstration on 16 August failed in the face of obvious government efforts to thwart it and the warning that militants of President Betancourt's Democratic Action party would stage counterdemonstrations.



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The Costa Rican security forces have demonstrated their effectiveness in maintaining order during the OAS meetings. Costa Rican Communists are probably planning street demonstrations this week, but the local security forces are believed capable of preventing their entry into the cordoned-off area surrounding the conference site.

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