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San Salvador in Spanish to El Salvador 1400 6/23

(Excerpt) Two government planes have deserted to Castillo Armas, according to the clandestine radio. The station also said that the Castillo Armas regime will name a delegation to represent it in the United Nations.

San Salvador in Spanish to El Salvador 1220 6/23

(Summary) The Guatemalan Army announced that its patrols covering the invasion front made contact with rebel troops at 2345 on June 22 in the department of Zacapa, but actual reports on the action are confused.

A plane strafed government military forces marshaling for an attack near Zacapa, and also bombed out a bridge approaching the city. Rebel planes continued to drop weapons to various villages, but the weapons were all reported seized by peasants and handed over to government authorities.

The high National army command says that at present, it has ample combat power to defeat the invaders, and has not seen a need for calling up thousands of volunteers who have not joined reserve units.

The Government Ministry has announced that one of the planes used to bomb the Retalhuleu fuel storage pumps was captured, and its maps, compasses, and explosives seized. The plane was captured at San Benito, a village in the department of the same name.

Meanwhile, the Guatemalan Government continues to receive messages of support from all over the continent. The most important of these are from the radical party university students in Argentina, and one from

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Senator Daltasar Castro of Chile. In Montevideo, public demonstrations were staged supporting Guatemala and repudiating foreign intervention in that country.

In Mexico, the Archbishop Primate of Mexico, Dr. Luis Maria Martinez, told "La Prensa," of that city: "I do not believe the revolt in Guatemala was motivated because of Communist action, inasmuch as there is less Communism in Guatemala than there is in Mexico. By this I mean that Communism which has infiltrated into the American continent does not constitute a threat to the peace or sovereignty of the American nations."

Again from Mexico, Gen. Tomas Sanchez, the chief of the Mexican Defense Secretariat's general staff, has declared: Mexico will not permit the passage of any group which attempts to invade Guatemala.

Reports circulating abroad to the effect that President Arbenz' family has fled are entirely false, entirely false. Normal business activities in Guatemala City have been resumed, and government offices are open throughout the day.

Ciudad Trujillo in Spanish to the Dominican Republic 1200 6/23

(Text) Mexico City--An exiled Guatemalan leader said that nearly 150 Guatemalan Anti-Communist political prisoners were shot last night. Ruben Villa Toro, chief of the National Union of Free Workers, an anti-Communist organization, said the executions occurred in Salama, a city some 64 kilometers from Guatemala City.

Villa Toro added that this report, which he received through the exiles' intelligence service, said that guards at the prison went from

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call to call machine-gunning all prisoners. He said that most of the prisoners were arrested nearly 18 months ago.

Villa Toro said that 10 officers and 120 men deserted government forces yesterday at Quezaltenango near the Mexican border.

Rome in Italian to Europe 1750 6/23

(Press Review)

(Summary) On the situation in Guatemala, "Il Cassettien" (Venice, Ind.) writes: "The military position remains uncertain but the political one is becoming clearer. The unsoundness of the campaign, by which extremists tried to pass off as external aggression what was and remains an internal conflict in a distant Central American republic, is ever more clearly revealed, dissipating perplexities and doubts as to Washington's policy."

"Corriere Dell Sera" says that "while Arbens declares that he is using the Communists, he is in reality being used by the Communists." The paper goes on to express the opinion that Guatemalan Communism draws its strength and violence from the racial factor: "Perhaps, at bottom, it is a revolt of Mollatoes leading the Indians against the whites."

Quito in Spanish to Ecuador and Latin America 1230 6/23

(Text) Mexico City--The Department of Defense has given instructions to commanders of the Fourth Military Region and the 11st Zone to instruct the detachments and forces under their command which guard the frontier of Guatemala...to give guarantees to all political refugees or combatants of

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both sides who may desert or cross the frontier.

This measure is said to have been taken because some rural families are already crossing the frontier, fleeing from Guatemalan territory.

Tegucigalpa in Spanish to Honduras 1900 6/23

(Summary) Yesterday at 12:30 P.M., Honduran territory was bombed by Guatemalan planes. This aggressive act was perpetrated on the airfield on San Pedro de Copan, in the eastern part of the country. This reprehensible violation of Honduran sovereignty apparently was committed by Guatemalan Air Force planes, inasmuch as the planes fled into Guatemalan territory after their attack.

It is surprising that despite the fact that such an attack has been made on Honduras in Tegucigalpa, the university students are organizing a demonstration to display their sympathy with Guatemala. The students should be expressing their patriotic zeal for their own country.

The Guatemalan national radio station has accused the Honduran Government of supporting the current invasion in progress in Guatemala, a charge which is well known to the Honduran people and also the university students.

As regards the Guatemalan emigres, and the fact they have been enjoying peace and security in Honduras, it should be perfectly clear that our nation affords refuge to all persons who request its hospitality. In this respect, it should be recognized that if Guatemalan emigres have flaunted the national laws during their stay here, their actions should be the object of a government investigation.

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Besides the Guatemalan charge of Honduras' active support of Guatemalan insurgents, the charge was also made to the UN Security Council that Honduras is technically an aggressor. These charges strike directly at the honor of the Honduran people and at the very roots of their patriotic sentiments.

It is understandable, therefore, that the university students are not serving the highest patriotic interests in organizing their Pro-Guatemalan demonstration, but are making a common cause with elements who have damaged our national sovereignty.

Although we do not consider Guatemala an enemy nation, the fact remains that its government, in carrying out a bombing of our territory, is assuming the same role of an aggressor which she attributed to Honduras, and has in fact perpetrated an act of aggression against our sovereignty.

Caracas, in Spanish to Venezuela 1050 6/23

(Text) Guatemala City--A bulletin broadcast by the Guatemalan Government station "Radio Nacional" announced that two saboteurs possessing high explosives were apprehended near the Pacific port of Champerico as they disembarked from a launch. The saboteurs reportedly planned to blow up the gasoline storage tanks at Retalhuleu.

The same bulletin announced that a launch flying the Honduran flag was captured in the Atlantic port of Puerto Barrios, and that the munitions it was carrying were seized by Guatemalan authorities. The Guatemalan authorities will presumably hold the munitions to present them before the UN to back up the aggression charge made against Honduras.

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Paris AFP Radioteletype in French to the Americas 1709 6/23

Text La Paz--A resolution expressing solidarity with the "just cause of great patriot Arbens," President of Guatemala, was voted by acclamation during a meeting organized by the University Federation and the Association of the "Friends of Guatemala." The resolution says that "the invasion of the Mercenary forces commanded by traitor Castillo Armas was prepared by Yankee imperialism and constitutes a danger for the independence of all the American republics."

It urges the labor union to organize popular demonstrations in favor of Guatemala and to create a committee for the defense of this country.

Guatemala City (Official) Guatemalan Home Service 2200 6/23

(Summary) "Those who are attempting to sell Guatemala" again to the United Fruit Company do not have the right to speak of liberation. Those who would put an end to the labor Union freedom of Guatemala do not have the right to speak of liberation." To understand this one must only recall the tens of millions of dollars Castillo Armas spent on arms, radio broadcasting stations, and mercenary soldiers.

These millions of dollars he will "repay with the blood of his people." How can Castillo Armas allow himself to speak of treason at this time in which he has sold himself? He is now in the sad condition of one who sells his own people.

"In contrast to these clearly cowardly facts, we have a government which is loyal to its people and the heroism of the people who are loyal to their government. All we Guatemalans are soldiers with the people's soldier, Jacobo Arbens."

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San Salvador in Spanish to El Salvador 1830 6/23

(Text) Three aviators of the Guatemalan Air Force deserted on Monday of this week and sought asylum in the embassy of El Salvador, according to a confirmed report by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Ministry said there also are a large number of men, women, children, and old persons who have sought asylum in the building.

Guatemala City (Official) Home Service in Spanish 2304 6/23

(Summary) Guatemala rejects the accusation that Guatemalan planes crossed the Honduran frontier and bombarded Santa Rosa de Copan. Foreign news agencies and the Honduras stations reported that unidentified planes came from the direction of Guatemala and invaded that part of Honduran territory from which the mercenary troops are invading Guatemala.

The Government of Guatemala emphatically declares that there were no sorties of Guatemalan planes in the direction of the Honduran frontier and that therefore the accusation made against the Guatemalan Government or Army are false.

The Government and the Army of Guatemala have been extremely careful in respecting the frontier between Guatemala and Honduras and accusations made against Guatemala to the effect that it has been violating Honduran territory are for the purpose of complicating the situation.

Guatemala does not have unidentified planes. All the planes of the country have some identification. Unidentified planes coming from Honduras and Nicaragua have machine gunned the people of Guatemala in support of the mercenary forces invading Guatemala from Honduras.

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Radio Liberacion (Clandestine) in Spanish to Guatemala Signed on at 0400 6/24

The Announcer Said:

The Arbens Government is desperate and its aircraft are bombing Honduran cities.

Attention press and radio correspondents, Standby for this message from free Guatemala:

We are Guatemalans from the ranks of the opposition to Arbens.

The liberation army is made up entirely of Guatemalans.

We ask your press and radio correspondants to take this message to the United Nations, because we are unable to do so.

San Salvador in Spanish to El Salvador 0030 6/24

(Text) The director of the radio newsreel "Flash," journalist Francisco Montenegro (Tyerra), sought the protection of our diplomatic representation in the neighboring Republic of Guatemala.

Col. Jose Alberto Funes immediately granted him asylum and then tried to negotiate a safe conduct for him and for the many refugees in the Salvadoran Embassy.

Moscow Yass in English Morse to North America 0140 6/24

(Text) Moscow--Dealing with the American intervention in Guatemala, L. Noginsky writes in "IZVESTIA" that, notwithstanding the resolution calling for a cease-fire in Guatemala passed by the Security Council on June 20, the armed aggression against Guatemala, far from having been stopped is being intensified.

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A new letter from the Guatemalan Minister of Foreign Affairs , published by the UN Secretariat on June 22, cites many instances showing that the June 20 Security Council resolution is not being carried out, and stresses the need of the Security Council taking all the necessary measures to put an end to the armed invasion of Guatemala.

Referring to the comments by the chairman of the Security Council, Lodge of the United States, on the new statement by the Guatemalan Foreign Minister, Noginsky points out that they throw new light on the real instigators and organizers of the armed aggression against Guatemala. These comments, just as the attempts by the U.S. representative to prevent examination by the Security Council of the latest appeal by the Guatemalan Government, clearly reveal the unwillingness of the American imperialists to put an end to the intervention in Guatemala.

Dwelling on the details of the American plot against Guatemala, Noginsky says that the American imperialists stand exposed before all mankind as aggressors against the Guatemalan people.

The U.S. aggression against Guatemala shows the peoples once again how hypocritical is the profuse talk by representatives of American ruling circles about their desire for cooperation between nations. Against the background of American intervention in Guatemala, what is the vaunted value of the statement which has just been published by chairman Wiley of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the United States remains true to the obligation of noninterference in the internal affairs of any country? It is difficult to find a more striking example of hypocrisy than this false statement by an American politician.

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Hoginsky concludes by saying: The events in Guatemala have shown once again that the American imperialists are rudely trampling underfoot all the standards of international relations and infringing the sovereignty and independence of other countries.

The events in Guatemala also show that the American policy "from positions of strength" is coming up against growing resistance.

Rio de Janeiro ASA Press in Portuguese Morse to Brazil 2243 6/23

(Text) Delo Horizonte--Local Communists damaged the front of the U.S. Consulate building during the early morning hours of June 23. They painted offensive slogans concerning United States policy toward Guatemala, writing "Down with the United States."

AFP Radioteletype in English to the Americas 0105 6/24

(Text) Santiago, Chile--The Chilean Government intends to send an observer to Guatemala, Foreign Minister Roberto Aldunate revealed here tonight. He added the Chilean Government holds to the principle of nonintervention.

The Chilean Ministry of the Interior has authorized the holding of a demonstration, organized by the friends of Guatemala for Thursday. The association has called on all workers to stop work at 1700 and to march through the streets.

Radio Liberacion (Clandestine), in Spanish to Guatemala 0400 6/24

(Excerpt) Listeners, attention. According to news interest

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our radio station, the first free government of America has recognized the first liberation government of Guatemala and has recognized Col. Castillo Armas as the president of Guatemala.

Ladies and Gentlemen: According to the transmission intercepted by radio liberacion, the brother government of Cuba has been the first.

Guatemala City (Official) Guatemalan Home Service 0445 6/24

(Text) Guatemala--The following message has been forwarded to His Excellency Dr. Luis Quintanilla, Chairman of the Inter-American Peace Committee, Pan-American Union, Washington, D.C.:

In view of the request made to another organization by the Honorable Embassy of Honduras, I have the honor of informing you that my Government would have no objection to the Inter-American Peace Committee, which your Excellency presides over, determining the responsibility for the aggressions against and invasion of Guatemala by land, air, and sea.

Guatemala could not agree that this matter be brought before your organization before the Security Council decision--to the effect that the member states abstain from giving aid to the criminal acts of aggression and invasion against Guatemala--is fully complied with.

The taking up of this matter by any organization other than the Security Council at this time could be used as a pretext to evade the binding nature of the above-mentioned decision of the Security Council.

(Signed), Guillermo Toriello, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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