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Apparently remain unresolved, and President Chiari has not yet shown any willingness to modify his demand for a complete revision of all US-Panamanian canal treaties



Communist bloc commentary has been increasing both in quantity and in the sharpness of its anti-US tone. It was highlighted yesterday by a personal statement from Mao Tse-tung which said that the Chinese people "firmly stand on the side of the Panamanian people and fully support their just action in opposing the US aggressors

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Latin American reaction has been heavy, but unlike Havana's, it has been generally moderate and hopeful in tone. Most hemisphere governments appear to have limited themselves to issuing general expressions of sympathy for the Panamanians, and hopes that the dispute will be quickly resolved. Several, such as Costa Rica and Bolivia, have offered their good offices to help solve the dispute, while others, such as Mexico and Brazil have refrained from making any official comment at all

The only violent manifestation of anti-American sentiment were flag-burning incidents in the Dominican Republic and Nicaragua



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\*Panama: ~~Anti-US violence along the Canal Zone border and in the Panamanian interior continues~~

Communist and pro-Communist agitators have been exhorting mobs both in Panama City and elsewhere in the country. Inflammatory anti-American statements were also broadcast yesterday by several local radio stations, notably the one owned by pro-Castro deputy Thelma King. This station has alleged that US planes were strafing Panamanians in Colon at the northern terminus of the Canal.

The Panamanian National Guard has made some effort to protect US citizens and installations from hostile crowds. There have been few if any arrests of agitators, although orders reportedly have been issued to begin a roundup. The Chiari government so far has avoided the use of repressive tactics against the mobs, probably in the belief that the crowds might be turned against the regime.

Reports from the interior are fragmentary but ominous. The evacuation of US citizens from the banana-growing area of western Panama is proceeding.

Thus far there has been little progress in the talks with US and OAS officials. Basic issues

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