

CIA ACCUSED OF TRUJILLO DEATH PLOT

Ex-Aid Makes Charge on Manion Forum

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Arturo R. Espaillat, director of intelligence and chief of the secret police for Raphael Trujillo, dictator of the Dominican Republic for 30 years prior to his assassination on May 30, 1961, charged last night that the central intelligence agency of the United States government plotted the assassination. Espaillat said he thought the CIA did it to "balance" the abortive Bay of Pigs attempt to unseat Fidel Castro of Cuba.

Blames State Department

Espaillat, speaking on the radio forum conducted by Clarence Manion, author, lawyer, and constitutional authority, described Trujillo as a "staunch friend of the United States and one of the most militant anti-Communists in the western hemisphere."

He added that he does not think the CIA was anxious to have Trujillo assassinated, but rather was acting under pressure from the state department.

Agreement Held Probable

Espaillat, who admitted that he was only speculating, said he believes that the state department resented Trujillo because he had warned that Castro was a Communist while the state department was saying it didn't think Castro was.

Espaillat, whose book, "Trujillo: The Last Caesar," was published recently, said: "There is no doubt in my mind

that the CIA was as anxious to knock off Castro as the state department was to torpedo Trujillo.

"Consequently, both departments probably agreed that the left-wing dictatorship and the right-wing dictatorship would be destroyed simultaneously."

Espaillat also charged that numerous United States government officials received money from Trujillo.

"Trujillo," he said, "had price lists for the purchase of some U.S. congressmen. It ran from \$5,000 for an ordinary congressman up to \$50,000 to \$75,000 for some more important ones."

All this money was wasted, Espaillat said, because "these men were all very quiet when he [Trujillo] really needed their help in his anti-communist war."

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