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GUATEMALA, GUATEMALA (AP)--THE GUATEMALAN CONGRESS VOTED TODAY TO PROTEST REMARKS BY SEN. ALEXANDER WILEY WHO AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WAS ACCUSED OF WAGING "AN AGGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN AGAINST GUATEMALA'S DEMOCRATIC REGIME."

THE PROTEST WAS ADDRESSED TO THE U.S. SENATE WHICH RECENTLY HEARD WILEY DECLARE THAT COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF GUATEMALA'S GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTED A MENACE TO THE HEMISPHERE.

COMMUNIST AND PRO-COMMUNIST CONGRESSMEN TOOK TURNS LAMBASTING WILEY, THE UNITED STATES, PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S ADMINISTRATION, AND U.S. BUSINESS INTERESTS IN GUATEMALA DURING A NIGHT SESSION THAT LASTED UNTIL THE EARLY HOURS OF TODAY.

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COMMUNISM IN GUATEMALA -- A MENACE TO HEMISPHERIC SECURITY

MR. WILEY: Mr. President, I should like to take the time of the Senate for a few moments to comment on a problem which has long concerned me in the field of foreign relations.

I refer to the problem of Communism in Guatemala.

As a matter of fact, the actions of the present leaders of the government of Guatemala have been cause for deepest concern to this country and to other nations of the hemisphere and the free world.

SMOKESCREENS SHOULD NOT DIVERT US

Guatemala's present leaders have tried to throw up numerous smokescreens. They have tried to portray the United States' concern as being solely over the issue of unfair treatment which Guatemala has inflicted on American enterprise doing business there, particularly maltreatment of the United Fruit Company.

Now, it is a fact that the United States is concerned about such unfair treatment. The United States will of course continue to protect the rights of its citizens abroad. It will continue to protect the rights of American stockholders and bondholders and management, as would any other sovereign country seek to protect the rights of its nationals.

But this is not the basic issue. This is not the source of our deepest concern, as regards Guatemala.

THE ALARMING COMMUNIST BEACH-HEAD

The source of our concern is that Guatemala has become a serious beach-head for international Communism in this hemisphere.

No smokescreen should divert any other people or ourselves from that alarming fact.

The Guatemalan leaders must not be permitted to distort this issue and pretend as if the people of the United States were "against internal reform measures" in foreign lands.

On the contrary, we are the first to wish the Guatemalan people well in improving their standard of living. My country has demonstrated conclusively for over ten years, through technical assistance programs, our deep interest in Guatemala achieving more of the good things of life for its people -- in city and country -- better food, better housing, better health. The inspiring record of the United States stands for all to see in our contributions to similar goals throughout the world.

### NO SUCH THING AS "NATIVE" COMMUNISM

But I repeat: What concerns us in Guatemala is international Communism. Make no mistake: There is no Communism but the Communism which takes orders from the despots of the Kremlin in Moscow. ...

It is an absolute myth to believe that there is such a thing as "home-grown" Communism, a so-called native or local Communism. There is no such thing.

Communism does not tolerate dissidents within its ranks anywhere in the world. There is every evidence to prove that there has been no dissent by Guatemalan Communists from the revolutionary party line laid down in Moscow.

### INTERLOCKING KREMLIN AND GUATEMALAN COMMUNISM

But now I want to prove by a series of clear facts the interlocking inter-relationship between Guatemalan Communism and Moscow Communism.

I am going to cite some 22 facts -- in question and answer form. This list could be expanded to 220 facts, because every day the alarming evidences multiply.

Here, however, for everyone to see, are a few of the elements of the stark record of the subservience by Guatemalan Communism to Moscow Communism.

### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON RED INFLUENCE

Do Communists have important positions in the Guatemalan Government?

1. They occupy key spots in radio, press, agrarian administration and the social security system.

The Director General of Radio Broadcasting and Director of the Government Radio Station, TGW, Carlos ALVARADO Jerez, is a Communist.

2. The Chief of the Press Section of President Arbenz' Publicity Office, Raul LEIVA, is a Communist.

3. In the National Agrarian Department, which administers the Guatemalan Agrarian Reform Law, the number two official, Waldemar BARRIOS Elee, Chief of the Lands Department, is a member of the Guatemalan Communist party.

The Chief Clerk of the Department is Maria Jerez de FORTUNE, wife of the head of the Communist party.

Over 15 other Agrarian Department officials are publicly avowed members of the Communist party, including at least 4 Agrarian Inspectors.

4. The Director of the official Guatemalan Government social security agency, Alfonso SOLERZANO, is a Communist.

5. The Deputy Inspector General of Labor, Hugo BARRIOS Mica, is a member of the Guatemalan Communist party.

Are Guatemalan Communists part of the international Communist movement?

6. The leaders of the Guatemalan Communist party, including Jose Manuel FORTUNY, Victor Manuel GUTIERREZ, Carlos Manuel PALLEGUER, Mario SELVA Jonana, Jose Alberto CARRDOZA, have visited Moscow, some of them frequently. Fortuny, head of the party, last went to Moscow in November 1953, and has just returned, after two months of usual training and instruction.

7. Victor Manuel GUTIERREZ, a leading Communist party member and labor boss of Guatemala, after returning in January 1952 from a visit to Moscow immediately disbanded a separate Communist party he was then leading in favor of the organization still headed by Fortuny.

8. In a message to the Soviet Nineteenth Party Congress held in Moscow in October 1952, the Guatemalan Communist Party saluted the Communist Party of the Soviet Union as its "inspiration" and as "a beacon for the workers of the world".

9. The central Cominform organization, through an article published in its world-wide newspaper "For a Lasting Peace For A People's Democracy" on January 16, 1953, openly adopted the Guatemalan Communist party under its new name, "Guatemalan Labor Party".

10. The Cominform journal cited above on December 12, 1953, eulogized the Guatemalan Communist daily newspaper "Tribuna Popular".

11. Writings of Jose Manuel FORTUNY, head of the Guatemalan Communist party, are published in the Cominform newspaper "For a Lasting Peace" and in the New York "Daily Worker".

12. "Pravda" on December 14, 1953, published an article openly praising the Guatemalan Government.

Has the Guatemalan Government encouraged Communism in Guatemala?

13. The Guatemalan Government furnished a theater to the Guatemalan Communist party for its first public rally, held on June 21, 1951, and attended by the Minister of Education and other important Government officials.

At this meeting Jose Manuel FORTUNY, Secretary General of the Guatemalan Communist party, announced his party would seek official recognition in order to participate in future political elections under its own name.

14. On December 19, 1952, the Government officially registered the Guatemalan Communist party, thus granting it full recognition under the electoral laws in disregard of a Constitutional prohibition against "political organizations of a foreign or international character". (Five days before being inscribed, the Guatemalan Communist party changed its name to "Guatemalan Labor Party".)

15. The Government political parties controlled by President Arbenz openly supported the Communist leaders, Jose Manuel FORTUNY and Carlos Manuel PELLEGER in the January 1953 Congressional elections.

16. On May 1, 1953, President Arbenz publicly embraced Victor Manuel GUTIERREZ and Carlos Manuel PELLEGER, Communist leaders who control Guatemala's General Labor Confederation.

17. Government agencies advertise in the Communist daily newspaper "Tribuna Popular", providing practically its only visible means of financial support.

18. The Government's official radio and newspaper have disseminated pro-Communist, anti-United States propaganda for years.

19. Communist propaganda films accusing the United States of engaging in "bacteriological warfare" have been exhibited in Government buildings.

20. The Government publicly donated \$10,000 to the Second Continental Conference of the Communist-run "International Association of Democratic Lawyers", held in the Guatemalan Supreme Court Building last October. The Minister of Interior and the Chief Justice of Guatemala welcomed the delegates to the conference.

21. Sra. Maria Vilanova de ARBENZ, wife of the President of Guatemala, is a founding member of the Guatemalan Communist-front women's organization "Guatemalan Feminine Alliance" (Alianza Femenina Guatemalteca).

22. Several high Government officials and the heads of all four pro-Arbenz political parties participated in an event staged in a Government school building by the Communist-front "National Peace Committee" on July 31, 1953 to celebrate the Communist "victory over American imperialism" in Korea.

#### CONCERN OF AMERICAN REPUBLICS SUB-COMMITTEE

In the light of these and other facts, the developments in Guatemala will continue to be watched with closest attention, not only by myself, but by my colleagues on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and elsewhere in the Congress.

In particular, our American Republics Sub-Committee, whose expert Chairman is the senior Senator from Iowa, Mr. Hickenlooper, will be watching

developments very closely, in consultation with the distinguished Assistant Secretary of State for Latin-American Affairs, the Honorable John H. Cabot.

When our able Ambassador to Guatemala, John Peurifoy, visits Washington, I expect to discuss with him the problem in greatest detail.

For many years I have been in close contact with the State Department on this problem.

I have supplemented my information by first hand reports from those of my colleagues who have visited Guatemala and from the report of a staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee itself whom I assigned specifically on this issue.

I want to re-emphasize now that it is not just the United States alone which views the developments in Guatemala with deepest apprehension. It is the Hemisphere as a whole and the free world as a whole.

We in the United States, however, have been particularly singled out by the Guatemalan Communists for attack.

#### POISON SPREAD AGAINST U. S.

The bitterest form of hostility has been demonstrated by the Guatemalan Communists in their speeches, in their press writings toward us.

I have in my hand an illustration of the type of evil poster which the Guatemalan Communists have published in trying to defame and smear the United States. This poster was published by the mis-named Guatemalan "Labor Party" -- that is, the Guatemalan Communists. It purports to show Uncle Sam reaching out his rifle and bayonet -- wielding hands to control Guatemala. This is a lie which is even lower than the usual level of Red falsehood.

The United States does not seek to exercise dominion over any people. The United States believes in a policy of non-intervention and non-interference. We believe in the equality of sovereign states, large and small. We believe in good neighborliness and cooperation among all nations. We believe in the right of peoples to work out their own destiny in their own way, provided of course they do not harm the rights of others.

I conclude, Mr. President, with the earnest hope and prayer that the Guatemalan situation will not deteriorate further, thus endangering not only the well-being of the Guatemalan people themselves, but the security of the Western Hemisphere as a whole.

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