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1. Iraq

a. The long-plotted revolt against Qasim began this morning.

b. It is being led by Army officers, many of them members of the Baath party. Qasim virtually jarred the conspirators into action by undertaking within the past few days to purge army ranks of officers suspected of opposing him and by arresting a number of Baath party leaders.

c. Baghdad radio is in the hands of the insurrectionists. It claims that Qasim has been killed.

(A background summary on the revolt is included separately.)

2. Venezuela

a. The Venezuelan Communist party, [redacted]

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[redacted] decided last month to throw all of its capabilities for armed action behind the attempt to topple Betancourt.

b. The party has set up a unified command over its guerrilla and terrorist operations within a cover organization which calls itself the Armed Forces of National Liberation.

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c. The government may, however, have already succeeded in throwing sand into the newly created subversive machinery. Following yesterday's terrorist raid on the US Chamber of Commerce office in Caracas, the police broke into National Liberation headquarters and captured quantities of arms, a membership list, and documents relating to the Communist scheme of action.

3. Cuba-Latin America

a. The head of Brazil's orthodox Communists is planning a trip to Moscow, Prague and thence to Cuba, chiefly to protest that the Cubans and Communist Chinese have been bypassing the regular organization in dealing with revolutionary groups in Brazil and elsewhere in Latin America.

b. The Brazilian Communist head, Luiz Carlos Prestes, intends to make the case that the militant irregulars supported by Castro, besides undercutting the orthodox Communists, are stirring alarm in Latin America and thus playing into the hands of the US.

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4. Shipping to Cuba

a. The KHIMIK ZHELENSKY believed to be carrying a military cargo, reached Cuban waters yesterday. Our last reports indicated that it would probably dock at Mariel.

b. An additional 10 Soviet dry cargo ships, only one of which is the large-hatch type; and five Soviet tankers are enroute to Cuba.

c. Figures for January show that only 15 nonbloc vessels called in Cuban ports during the month. This compares with 22 in December, 35 in November, and a monthly average of 76 before the quarantine.

5. Indonesia

a. U Thant's special representative in Indonesia asserts that the Indonesians have agreed to drop their demand that the transfer of West New Guinea to them take place before 1 May, as scheduled.

b. The Indonesians are continuing, however, their inflammatory propaganda against Malaysia. The official Indonesian news agency declared this morning that 10,000 tribesmen from Indonesian Borneo will enter North Borneo to join the rebel struggle against the British.

6. West Germany

a. Reviewing yesterday's Bundestag debate on the Franco-German treaty, the US Embassy in Bonn discerns a strong consensus for the rapprochement with France. What doubts there are stem from the desire to prevent relations with France from hindering progress toward European unity or disturbing US-German relations.

b. It was also apparent that Adenauer's critics failed to mount an effective attack in the debate. Erhard's performance is falling conspicuously short of his boldly professed intentions.

NOTES

- A. Peru Constitutional guarantees have been restored after a month's suspension and the political parties are beginning to make preparations for the election promised for late spring. The junta has indicated that an APRA victory would be as "unacceptable" as it was last year, but the APRA plans, as of now, to be in the contest.
- B. USSR-UAR At least one, and probably two, sites for Soviet-equipped SAM installations have been located in the UAR. SAM transporters sufficient to equip about eight sites were shipped in during the past two months.
- C. Chile The Chilean government has officially informed our Embassy that it is cancelling its barter deal with Cuba which would have bought Cuban sugar in return for Chilean agricultural products. The Embassy observed that President Alessandri has been giving a display of "constructive leadership" since his Washington visit.
- D. Paraguay 50X1, E.O.13526
Paraguayan exiles in Argentina have been concentrating at several points along the border between the two countries and may attempt armed attack in order to disrupt Sunday's Paraguayan elections.
- E. Rhodesia-Portugal-South Africa The white-controlled governments in the southern third of Africa are laying the groundwork for joint military planning to deal with anticipated African nationalist insurrection.

DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

- I. Soviet UN official develops line on Cuba.
- II. Speculation on Spanish aims vis-a-vis US and France.