

# U.S. Dominican Intervention Seen Threat To Future Of OAS

By ARCH MACKENZIE  
WASHINGTON (CP) — The American intervention in the Dominican Republic's civil uprising is seen in diplomatic circles here as a serious threat to the future of the Organization of American States.

The OAS is also regarded as the device which the U.S. hopes to use to extricate itself from the island.

The 20-nation OAS is scheduled to convene in Rio de Janeiro starting May 23. The original idea had been to discuss long-overdue political and economic reforms in the alliance, making it more effective.

The fear shared by informants including Canadians is that President Johnson's intervention with 19,000 troops has destroyed the atmosphere suitable for sober appraisal.

Bitterness among Latin American nations, it is felt, may produce fresh charges similar to the harsh criticisms of the United States voiced in the United Nations by Uruguay. This trend could enmesh Latin American governments and political parties.

There is also evidence of a hardening against the U.S. ac-

tion in foreign criticism and to some extent in domestic reaction.

**SHOULD CONSULT**  
For example, Democratic Senator Robert Kennedy of New York, former U.S. attorney-general, said in the Congress Thursday the U.S. must always take care to consult its OAS allies—something it did not do before committing troops in the Dominican Republic.

The New York Times editorially took a stronger line when it said that "American troops were used almost immediately for political ends on the basis of reports that a handful of Communists were involved in the rebellion and on the flimsy evidence that they threatened to gain control of it."

It is generally agreed that the American intervention is clear violation of the OAS charter—

and that the OAS offers the handiest exit for the U.S.

But there is concern voiced that the peace-keeping force agreed on for this purpose—approved by a bare margin in the OAS—may be more symbolic than real. This would leave unknown numbers of American troops involved.

There is concern among diplomats that this in effect will turn rebel sentiment solidly against the U.S., manufacturing nationalist-Communist supporters where handfuls existed previously.

**WANT STRONG MAN**  
The hope is that the OAS—as it now is striving to do—can find some figure in effective control in Santo Domingo, with the emphasis on "effective."

Thus, while the rebels have sworn in Col. Francisco Caamaño Deno as president, and

while he has been sanctioned by the last legally-elected Dominican government, he cannot be said to be in effective control.

Canada's position as expressed by Prime Minister Pearson has been guarded. There have been no special communications between Washington and Ottawa on the situation.

Canada, with Trinidad-Tobago and Jamaica, has been invited to send an observer to the Rio meeting.

The last big pitch from the U.S. to Canada to join the OAS came before Parliament in 1961 from the late president Kennedy. There has been no further U.S. initiative.

The official Canadian line is not now, perhaps later.

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OTTAWA (CP)—Higher clothing and medical costs pushed the consumer price index up two-fifths of a point during March to 137.7 at the beginning of April, striking a new high for the fifth consecutive month, the bureau of Statistics has reported.

But the index—based on 1949 prices equalling 100—remained for the first quarter of this year close to the goals recommended by the Economic Council of Canada for reasonable stability of prices.

There were small increases in food, housing, transportation, and recreation and reading components of the index. Prices of tobacco and alcohol remained relatively unchanged.

The April 1 index, reflecting a sampling of consumer prices made by the statistics bureau in March, compared with indexes of 137.3 for March, 136.9 for January, and 135.0 for April, 1964.

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HALIFAX (CP) — RCAF Argus aircraft, grounded when a structural defect was discovered, are being put back into service at the rate of one a day, an Air Force spokesman said here.

Defence Minister Hellyer said in the Commons Thursday that new sections are to be manufactured to replace the defective parts in the big four-engine sub-bombers.

All 32 of the planes, based at Greenwood, N.S., and Summerside, P.E.I., were grounded April 30. The spokesman said corrosion was discovered in the rear fuselage.

Four of the aircraft are now back in service and until all are flying again they will be aided by twin-engine Neptunes.

The Argus, which can stay aloft as long as 26 hours, was introduced into the Maritime Air Command in 1958. The checks of the planes started following the crash of one in the Caribbean in March which killed all 16 men aboard.