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The Leftists Eye The CIA

The strategy of the American Left in the wake of the Cuban debacle already can be discerned. It is to present the consolidation of Castro's power as relatively unimportant, to blame failure of the invasion on inadequate U.S. ties with extreme leftist Cuban groups, to insist on social revolution in Latin America, and to demand replacement of Central Intelligence Agency director Allen Dulles with a man of known liberal-left views.

A campaign appears to have begun to get rid of Mr. Dulles and replace him with Telford Taylor, longtime "liberal" and critic of Congressional investigations into security matters.

The big push for Mr. Taylor first became apparent when The Washington Post sent up a trial balloon by mentioning his name. Then C. L. Sulzberger wrote in The New York Times that some quarters were hoping that criticism of the CIA would accelerate the process of getting Mr. Taylor the post held by Mr. Dulles.

Congress should squelch this move before the ball starts rolling. No one with Mr. Taylor's record of association with the apparatus and causes of American "liberalism" should be considered for any post with the CIA, let alone the sensitive position of director of that secret intelligence operation.

The public, however, should not confuse Mr. Taylor, a reserve brigadier general in the U.S. Army with Gen. Maxwell Taylor, former Army chief of staff who is aiding Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy in an investigation of recent CIA operations.

Gen. Maxwell Taylor is an outstanding American.

If Mr. Dulles has made errors of judgment which impair his effectiveness—and that has not been conclusively demonstrated as yet—a successor should be chosen who is not a political figure, as is Mr. Taylor.

If Mr. Kennedy decides to replace Mr. Dulles now or later, he would be wise to ask J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, for his recommendations and act on them. The CIA should have confidence in Mr. Hoover.

As for the leftist drive to involve the U.S. more closely with extremist Cuban groups, that too should be brought to a halt.

The New York Times, a gauge of policies hurtful to the best interests of the United States, has reasserted its belief that this country "must work for orderly and constructive social and economic revolutions" in Latin America.

This is an absurd statement. Revolution, by its very nature, cannot be orderly and constructive. If revolution hits another Latin country, the result will be bloodshed and danger to the United States. The U.S. therefore, should oppose revolution and stress evolution via the capitalist system.

The immediate danger facing the United States is export of the Castro revolution to Venezuela. The land where angry crowds spat in the face of a vice president of the United States is ripe for revolution by Castro communism. The Bolivar court regime in Venezuela, a government of social democrats such as the American Left favors, is weak and is making little progress at checking communist growth. American editors who visited that

country last year came back with a report that Reds dominate the Central University and other centers of national life. As Venezuela is a land of tremendous natural riches, communist success there would be an even more serious threat to U.S. security than the Red victory in Cuba. From a base in Venezuela, communism would be able to strike at Central America and the Latin nations to the South.

Conservatives must do everything in their power to impress upon the President that there is danger in the advice his "liberal" supporters are giving him. If the CIA is handed over to a political figure, if the U. S. supports so-called "autonomous revolution" in Latin America, and if the State Department favors extremist Latin leaders and groups, the United States will suffer defeat after defeat in this hemisphere.