

# Reds Infiltrating In Latin America

## Trend Slight So Far, but Rising, Led by Peiping; Washington Upset

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**WASHINGTON.**  
American officials are concerned about a new gimmick in Communist subversion — the slow, steady infiltration of Latin America by Red China.

The trend is slight, but it is growing in strength. It is being watched carefully, especially in Cuba, where it is strongest. There is no antidote except a determined, continuing American effort to improve relations within the hemisphere.

New York's Gov. Rockefeller called attention to the growing threat in a speech to the Rochester, N. Y., Chamber of Commerce two weeks ago.

### Sees Possible Accord

"What is not generally realized is that Red China, in addition to the Soviet Union, has been making a major effort at achieving influence in our sister republics," he said. "In fact, it is conceivable that the Soviet Union and Communist China have agreed to make Latin America primarily a Chinese Communist sphere of influence."

The Governor's fears are echoed in Washington. Government officials know that Red China began its penetration of Latin America in 1952 and launched an intensified drive in 1956. It was in 1956 that the Chinese Communists founded a training school in Peiping for Latin American Communists and established direct relations with Latin American Communist parties.

Latinos who go to the Peiping school, for anywhere from a month to three years, are taught Communist ideology, clandestine techniques, agrarian reform, guerrilla warfare and how to manipulate the peasants and bourgeoisie.

Red China's party boss Mao Tse-tung and Prime Minister Chou En-lai are always available to these Latin students. No matter how humble their status back home, they are assured a sympathetic audience with the Communist Chinese leaders.

### The Reason

Why should Red China make a special pitch to Latin America? Gen. C. P. Cabell, deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), gave an answer in a speech Aug. 21 to the American Legion's security commission at Minneapolis:

"The Chinese Communists are spreading the concept that China should be the model for social and economic revolution in Latin America. They point out the alleged similarities between the two areas. They are seeking trade and cultural relationships with various Latin American countries. They are interested in establishing diplomatic relations where possible."

The Chinese Communists took a giant step forward in their campaign last fall. They opened a branch of their press

service, the New China News Agency (NCNA), in Havana. Part-time local reporters, were hired all over Latin America.

As a result, the Peiping radio now has a spot news service which can report Latin American news developments within hours or minutes, rather than in days, as formerly. The Peiping radio now beams twenty-one hours a week of its broadcasts to Latin America, compared with fourteen hours in November.

### Trade Growing

Red China has little trade with Latin America, but it is increasing. No Latin American country has diplomatic relations with Peiping, although there is a possibility Cuba may take the plunge.

A favorite device is creation of Communist China - Latin American "friendship societies." Eighteen now exist, of which twelve are of recent origin. Most of the members are racially non-Chinese.

There are, however, a number of Chinese colonies, mostly in the major cities. Many of these Chinese are second generation or later.

Peru has the largest Chinese population, about 50,000, of

retaining citizenship in Nationalist China. Cuba has about 40,000, Ecuador more than 5,000 and Brazil more than 1,000.

### Cabell's Views

Of them, Gen. Cabell testified to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee last November:

"In general, these Chinese are non-Communist and relatively unimportant in terms of national politics. Many actively favor the Nationalists. There are, of course, some pro-Communist elements . . ."

"The Chinese Communist government is seeking to use these people. . . . It is also known that Chinese have used false documentation, obtained through members of the resident Chinese communities, as a means of illegally obtaining documentation as nationals of a Latin American country. This procedure could very well be used, if required, by Chinese Communists to infiltrate Asians into Latin America."

Communist party membership in the twenty Latin American countries totals 238,725. There is no estimate, however, of members of Communist fronts and of sympathizers.

Gov. Rockefeller proposed a remedy, a five-part program he said should be adopted by both Democrats and Republicans at their national conventions this year: greater inter-American co-operation, hemispheric economic development, social progress, exchange programs and frequent foreign minister meetings.