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Mann Underlines Farm Reform As Vital to Latin Development

**U.S. Aide Asserts Success
of Alliance Also Requires
Large Amounts of Capital**

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WASHINGTON, May 13 —

The United States continued today to define its policies on Latin America.

The Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, Thomas C. Mann, described the Administration's economic and social objectives under the Alliance for Progress in an address to the Washington Institute of Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Mann's speech followed by two days President Johnson's major statement of United States policies in an address to Ambassadors from Latin-American republics at the White House.

The President's speech, widely praised by Latin-American diplomats, emphasized mainly the political aspects of the United States' attitude toward the Alliance—the support for democratic regimes and for a democratic social revolution. Mr. Mann concentrated on the "specificity and concreteness" of the program.

This was Mr. Mann's first public statement since he became the chief coordinator of United States policies in Latin America last December.

Farm Problem Stressed

He said that the Alliance was giving a "high priority" to the Latin-American farmer because half the population of the region lives in rural areas and farm production must be increased to raise the income of the whole society.

"A technological revolution in Latin-American agriculture" is necessary, he said. It should include such elements of a sound agrarian reform program as improved tenure systems and farm-to-market roads," he added.



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"The Alliance is as concerned about the worker as it is about the farmer," Mr. Mann observed, because it cannot succeed "unless it develops a labor force of growing skills and increasing ability to produce in a modern society."

He said that Latin-American economies would require "very large amounts of capital," for their development and one way to get it is to increase tax revenues substantially. Each country must decide on its own tax reform policy, he said.

While the United States will go on meeting its obligations under the Alliance in providing development capital, the Latin-American countries must take "adequate self-help measures," Mr. Mann said.

"We therefore must continue to relate the amount of our financial assistance to the ef-

forts of the developing country to create conditions propitious for economic growth and social progress," he said.

U.S. Agency Assailed

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, May 13 (AP) — The director of the Food for Peace program in Brazil charged today that bureaucracy of the United States Agency for International Development was "destroying the Alliance for Progress."

Leonard Wolf, a former United States Congressman from Iowa, said in an interview that the United States foreign aid program was bogged down in a "system designed to eliminate the possibility of personal identification with a mistake."