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Rockefeller: Latin Policy Bad

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New York Gov. Rockefeller yesterday cited the situation in Panama as typical of the Democratic administration's failure to produce a successful Latin-American foreign policy.

Addressing the Pan American press seminar, he turned a break in his campaign for the Republican Presidential nomination into a major attack on the Administration policy in Latin America.

He said the Alliance for Progress had turned into "an almost complete failure to develop a truly joint effort, although it was announced . . . in ringing terms of extravagant promise."

He centered his attack on the recent Panama crisis and rioting.

"A dedicated and popular United States ambassador left (Panama) in frustration," Gov. Rockefeller charged. Despite all warnings of impending crisis, the post remained unfilled for six months. When the riots occurred in the Canal zone, no U. S. Ambassador was on the spot to deal with the situation."

He said the post-crisis handling of things in Panama was "undignified and unseemly."

"The confusion of our policy was made manifest when on two occasions the White House countermanded commitments the State Department had already made," he said.

He proposed a 16-point "agenda for action" which included creation of an Under-Secretary of State for Inter-American affairs, and an independent government agency "for serving the future of the hemisphere."

He suggested inviting Canada to join the Organization of American States and endorsed far-reaching pro-

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jects such as a nuclear-dug sea-level canal across Central America, and solar and nuclear systems to make fresh water out of salt.

The Governor received New Orleans' International House Cunningham Award for interest in Latin America.