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CITES NEW REFORMS IN LATIN AMERICA

About half the nations in Latin America have instituted tax and land reforms since the Alliance for Progress was formed three years ago, Richard L. Phillips, director of the office of news of the Department of State, said here last night.

Phillips, speaking at St. Louis University under sponsorship of the University International Club, said that progress is encouraging.

However, he said, a generation probably will pass before most Latin American countries can be described as developed.

The work of the Alliance may

be continued longer than the 10 years originally planned, he said. South America needs a rate of economic growth in excess of 2 per cent a year to keep abreast of its population expansion, he said.

An increasing task of the Alliance, Phillips said, is to attract private capital to South America. Government aid can provide only a small part of the capital needed, he said.

The Alliance presents Latin American countries with an alternative to Communism, Phillips said.

He urged students to improve their understanding of South American affairs.

The American press, Phillips said, has devoted more space and attention to South American news since Fidel Castro won power in Cuba. There is still a tendency to report only sensational events, he asserted.

He warned against a tendency to think that democracy can be exported. "Democracy," he said, "is something that people must learn for themselves."