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The Reds Hated Him

Except for readers of the Chicago Tribune who were familiar with his byline as a specialist in Latin-American affairs, the name Jules Dubois doesn't mean much to the American public at large. Yet Mr. Dubois, who died unexpectedly at the age of 56 in a Bogota, Colombia, hotel, had the distinction of being the most hated of all Americans by Communist and militarist cadres throughout Latin America.

This was because for years he headed the Freedom of the Press Committee of the Inter-American Press Assn. and helped to inspire that committee's razor-sharp attacks on the dictators and Com-

mies who kept Latin-American nations in turmoil.

Mr. Dubois, after doing some investigative reporting in Argentina, was dubbed "No. 1 gangster of Yankee journalism" by dictator Juan Peron's aides. More recently a Communist newspaper in Bogota came out with a full-page attack on the Chicagoan, accusing him of really being a CIA man disguised as a newspaperman.

Mr. Dubois died much too young; but alone he did more for the American image, and more to spread the American dedication to freedom, than a whole generation of diplomats and aid programs.