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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

Food for Brazil. Asked by Cooley

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Here are some of the back-stage reasons why our good neighbors in Latin America have soured on the United States.

While Vice President Nixon was advocating sports and culture to win friends in Latin America, the State Department had dilly-dallied about sending some of our huge reserves of food to the starving population of sun-parched eastern Brazil.

The blistering drought has burned up the crops and dried up the streams of Brazil's easternmost hump, causing terrible human suffering. Poverty-stricken peasants, particularly babies, have been dying by the dozens of malnutrition.

One man in Washington who has tried to do something about this drought is Harold Cooley, hard-working chairman of the House Agriculture Committee. Cooley has been on the telephone to the State and Agriculture Departments, calling for an emergency effort to rush food from surplus plus stocks. Food shipments might be more welcome than a visit from Nixon, he has suggested tartly.

The North Carolina Congressman learned, however, that all the State Department

line inauguration, V. V. Kuznetsov, was not met by mobs in the Latin American countries he visited—which is true. Kuznetsov was talking trade with Latin Americans. Vice President Nixon was shaking hands. . . . Nixon returned from his tour of South America furious at the State Department. He's now determined to do something even if it means tangling with Secretary Dulles. He wants the resignation of Assistant Secretary of State Roy Rubottom, in charge of Latin American affairs, plus a drastic reorganization of the Inter-American office and the recall of at least four ambassadors. . . . Actually some of the envoys in Latin America are among the best in the service. Ambassador Edward Sparks in Venezuela performed heroic jobs in Bolivia and Guatemala, while Ted Achilles in Peru, where Nixon also suffered indignities, is an expert. Trouble was Nixon didn't follow their advice.



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Paris Pipeline

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