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AUTHOR ANSWERS SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT LATIN AMERICA

FRED SAYRES: "And this is Paul Schoenstein, Pulitzer prize winning assistant managing editor of the New York Journal American.

"I'm Fred Sayres. In just a moment we'll be talking to Professor Robert Alexander of Rutgers University about the struggle for democracy in Cuba and Latin America.

"But first the news that will make tomorrow's headlines."

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PAUL SCHOENSTEIN: "The explosive aftermath of the abortive Cuban invasion has badly damaged United States prestige in Europe and the uncommitted countries of Asia and Africa.

"In Latin America, comment is cautious but critical. How does it happen that the Administration sanctioned such an adventure without guarantees of success?

"To discuss this troubling question, we called the author of the book, 'Struggle for Democracy in Latin America,' and a critic of U.S. policy in the past, Dr. Robert Alexander of Rutgers University.

"Dr. Alexander...."

ALEXANDER: "Yes sir."

SCHOENSTEIN: "...What did the Cuban fiasco do to the United States' prestige in its own backyard, Latin America?"

ROBERT ALEXANDER: "Well, I'm afraid it's hurt it very much, because we aroused the boogie of intervention which we hoped had been laid, the ghost of which we hoped had been laid, sometime ago."

SCHOENSTEIN: "Ah. Dr. Alexander, it's widely acknowledged that the CIA fell down on its intelligence appraisal of Cuban resentment against Castro. Why do you suppose the Administration relied on this ineffectual staff work?? This is a question all the country is asking."