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'Shocking, Senseless'

Dear Editor. "Shocking and senseless" are the words used by Secretary of State Dean Rusk and his State Department of "Utter Confusion" in describing the tragic death of three American officers killed by the Russians in an unarmed plane. If the State Department and Mr. Rusk think this act is in the realm of being shocking and senseless than it is time for them to review their own past attitudes and actions.

It was this same department that insisted on trading with Russia on credit terms at the eventual expense of the taxpayers. It was this same department that loaned Lee H. Oswald money to return to this country after he had denounced his citizenship to become a Russian and are continuing this same policy today. It is this department, while being so violently opposed to communism, that has advocated a "let's be sure and not hurt their feelings" policy toward Communist front groups in this country, thereby letting them spread their propaganda at will. This same department, having the FBI and CIA at their disposal, never seem to know just which country they

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Communists are going to take over next, and the only excuse they offer the citizens is "Well, golly bum, how do you reckon this happened?"

The time has come for Mr. Rusk and others like him to realize that the war against communism cannot be won with flowery sounding words and instead of just speaking softly and carrying a big stick, let's show these thugs and cutthroats that we'll use our big stick if they don't behave themselves.

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Lack of Firmness
Seen as U.S. Peril

EDITOR, THE UNION:
The State Department has been trying to play down Communist involvement in the rioting in the Panama Canal Zone in spite of the overwhelming evidence brought forward by the Pentagon and the CIA.

As I understood the reason for this reluctance to bring up the Communist issue, it is the State Department's wish to save President Chiari's face in the hope of facilitating a quick settlement with him.

However, this won't work and will never work. Instead, Chiari should bluntly be told of his flagrant failure in curbing the Communist cancer in his country and that consequently any revision of the canal treaty would be out of the question.

This instance of dodging the Communist issue by the State Department is not surprising. It has become an art highly developed by the State Department, from the desk level to the higher dignitaries.

This policy has been and will be the cause of our steady losses in the Cold War as, for instance, the Cuban debacle and the inevitable conquest of Laos by the Reds in the near future.

It still has not dawned on the State Department's bureaucrats that dodging of the Communist issue instead of firmly coming to grips with it will always be at our peril.

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