

Why Can't We See?

Soviets Are Serious About Their Threats

From Life Lines

A stockpiling of arms in Cuba has been confirmed by our own CIA and Defense Departments. While elaborate claims are made that this military build-up is "non-offensive," Cuba is shipping arms to Cheddi Jagan in British Guiana, and more than 2,000 Latin American students are being trained in Cuba for revolution in their own countries.

There is no longer any question that an arms buildup is taking place in Cuba. There is the possibility, based entirely upon the doubtful credibility of the assurance of Boss Khrushchev, that long-range nuclear missiles are not a part of this arms build-up. However, the Secretary of Defense and the head of the CIA, during their recent "explanation" of the Cuba situation, admitted that we do not know this to be so.

The target of this Cuban arms build-up is not the United States, but every country in Latin America. Cuban guerrillas are now operating in Latin America and have direct communication through radio transmitters with their high command in Cuba.

Have Warned

For months, various Senators and Congressmen have been warning of this build-up. Our government has given the American people assurances that such was not the case. During the official "explanation" on February 6th, it was admitted at one time there were 22,000 foreign troops and personnel in Cuba. It is admitted by our Defense Department that 17,000 remain.

Who was concealing the truth during the months when it was denied there was a substantial number of foreign troops in Cuba?

Our Secretary of Defense gave assurance that the United States

had made adequate provision to prevent Castro from shipping military supplies to his agents in other Latin American countries. While he was making the statement, a headline story in the afternoon papers told of two shiploads of arms leaving the Cuban port of Mariel bound for British Guiana. It was an unidentified "United States government official" who gave out the story. Who is telling the truth?

If there ever was a time when our country needed bipartisan confidence in our government, it is now; but the policy of managed news is destroying that confidence. And remember, the fall of other Latin American countries to communist dictation is an even greater threat to the United States than missiles in Cuba.

For years, the United States has negotiated with the Russians in efforts to reach a test-ban treaty and a disarmament agreement. The U. S. started out with demands for foolproof inspection and iron-clad guarantees against violations or cheating. Now, instead of words like "iron-clad guarantees" and "fool-proof inspections," we are hearing much more about "compromises" and "accommodations."

Pose Question

We pose the question: Assuming the Russians sign such treaties and agreements, is there any basis for believing they would live up to them? There is only one way an answer can be found: "What have they done in the past?"

The Communists have never kept their word, and have warned that they never would. Promises like disarms, made to be broken, is a statement familiar to all who have learned anything about communism. Lenin also said:

"In war, never tie your hands with considerations of formality. It is ridiculous not to know that a treaty is a means of gaining strength."

Our own Senate Internal Security Subcommittee summed up the lack of reliability found in treaties and agreements made by the Russians, when it warned:

"You must be a liar, a cheat, and probably a spy before you can represent a communist nation in international diplomacy."

As our negotiators strive for some basis for disarmament and a test-ban on nuclear explosions, let us remember also the words of Dimitry Manuilsky, spoken in 1930:

Told Us

"War to the hilt between communism and capitalism is inevitable. Today, of course, we are not strong enough to attack. Our time will come in twenty to thirty years. To win, we shall need the element of surprise. The bourgeoisie will have to be put to sleep. So we shall begin by launching the most spectacular peace movement on record. There will be electrifying overtures and unheard-of concessions. The capitalist countries, stupid and decadent, will rejoice to cooperate in their own destruction. They will leap at another chance to be friends. As soon as their guard is down, we shall smash them with our clenched fist."

UN Secretary U Thant may tell us that Russia has changed, and some Americans may tell us the same thing, but if we treasure our freedom, we'd better listen to the Russians who say they can not change.