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2. Cuba May Seek Neutralist Support in United Nations
Against United States: The Castro government evidently plans
to raise complaints in the UN against the US if Cuba's
share of the 3 sugar quota is reduced. According to the
UAR ambassador in Havana, Foreign Minister Roa told him and

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the Yugoslav ambassador on 23 February that because the United States is trying to isolate Cuba politically from the rest of Latin America, a complaint to the Organization of American States (OAS) over a lowered quota would be useless. Roa asked the envoys for their governments' opinions on the projected UN appeal and probably will also solicit support from other Asian-African neutralist and Soviet bloc countries, with which Cuba is seeking to establish close relations.

The Castro regime probably sees the coming UN General Assembly session as an opportunity to cause trouble for the United States and to demonstrate its proclaimed neutralism. Castro's intention to cooperate with the USSR in the UN was expressed in the communiqué issued following Mikoyan's visit to Havana earlier this month. The Cuban UN delegate is campaigning for a seat on the Security Council without first obtaining the customary endorsement of the Latin American caucus. Castro officials frequently belittle the OAS as "US dominated."

In his conversation with the two ambassadors, Roa said Castro wants to visit the USSR, the UAR, Yugoslavia, Italy, Ghana, and Guinea and had asked him to arrange such a trip for this June. Castro previously has evinced interest in visiting those countries, but no date had been mentioned.

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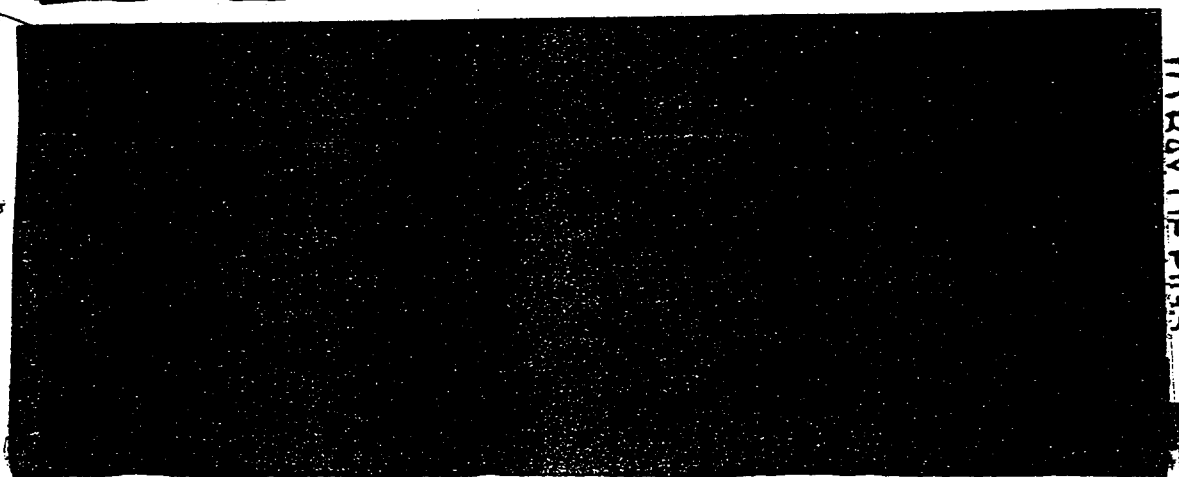
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15. Some Air Raids on Cuba May Come From Dominican Republic:
Some of the incendiary raids on Cuban sugar cane fields may be the work of aircraft from the Dominican Republic. This possibility is suggested by a fairly reliable source of the American Embassy in Ciudad Trujillo, who claims as many as eight B-26 or other multiengine planes are operating from a well-guarded field in the western part of the country. The embassy notes that, despite a marked increase in purchases of aviation gasoline by the Dominican Air Force in December and January, the number of air force flights is considerably below normal in areas the embassy is able to observe. The embassy speculates that planes from the Dominican Republic may approach Cuba from the north to disguise their true origin.

Sensational articles in the Castro press have led the Cuban public to believe that the frequent flights of unidentified aircraft since late last year originate in the United States. The small plane that exploded on 18 February as it was evidently attempting to bomb a sugar mill in which about 250 Cubans were working was established, in fact, to have come from Florida. Other unidentified aircraft, such as the one that circled oil refineries and the vicinity of Fidel Castro's home in the Havana area on 21 February could well, however, have come from the Dominican Republic. The Cuban Air Force claimed that this plane was twin-engined, "seemingly a B-25."

Cuban opinion, already indignant, could become inflamed against the US if the flights continue and particularly if Cuban casualties result.

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