

# Venezuelan Charges Spur New Action Against Cuba

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 30—A new drive within the Americas to complete the ostracism of the Cuban regime shaped up today as a result of Venezuela's charges that Cuba had supplied arms to Venezuelan terrorists.

A formal Venezuelan charge to the Organization of American States that an arms cache discovered on the Paraguana Peninsula came from Cuba was expected by diplomats here to provide the evidence needed to call for a hemisphere-wide diplomatic and economic boycott of the Cuban regime.

The arms cache, including Belgian automatic rifles manufactured for the Cuban Army, was found late in October. But the Venezuelan Government announced only Thursday that it had "conclusive evidence" that the weapons came from Cuba.

## Five Keep Havana Ties

Although the Organization of American States voted in January, 1962, to exclude Cuba from the inter-American community, five Latin-American countries retain diplomatic and some commercial ties with Havana.

Venezuela now plans to ask that all the American republics unite in support of stringent measures to counter Cuba's attempts to promote revolution through subversion and terrorism.

The United States is reported to be reviewing military precautions in the Caribbean with a view to tightening naval patrols and preventing further arms shipments from Cuba.

The Johnson Administration and several Latin-American Governments have already assured President Rómulo Betancourt of Venezuela that they stand ready to support his request for new measures against the Castro regime.

Diplomats pointed out that the arms cache, found in an isolated cove on the Paraguana Peninsula on the Venezuelan side of the Venezuelan-Colombian border, offered the first material evidence that the Cas-

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tro regime was shipping weapons to supporters in Latin America.

The Administration is known to take a grave view of the discovery of the arms, announced Thursday in Caracas. The incident was expected to bring a renewal of Congressional demands for tougher action against Cuba.

"This is a very serious incident and we are studying ways of improving the security in the Caribbean as well as what new measures can be taken through the inter-American system in response to Venezuela's charges," a high Administration source said.

Venezuela has charged that Cuba, by supplying weapons to the terrorist Armed Forces of National Liberation in an attempt to disrupt tomorrow's elections, has committed aggression.

The Council of the Organization of American States has called an emergency session for Tuesday to consider Venezuela's request that action be taken under the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance of 1947, known as the Rio Treaty.

## First Step in a Campaign

It will be the first step in a carefully conceived plan to bear down on Cuba's campaign to disrupt hemispheric efforts to consolidate democracy and advance economic and social reforms under the Alliance for Progress.

The plan was outlined today by the Venezuelan Ambassador to the United States, Enrique Tejera Paris. He said at a news conference at the Venezuelan Embassy that he expected the Council to send a fact-finding team to his country to gather evidence of Cuban intervention.

Dr. Tejera Paris emphasized that the investigation should be carried out "thoroughly and without undue hurry."

The Venezuelan Government, he said, has "conclusive proof" that three tons of weapons were part of the Cuban Army's arsenal.

The weapons were discovered the last week in October, he said, but the Venezuelan Government withheld the announcement "because we wanted to be absolutely sure where they came from."

Dr. Tejera Paris said that laboratory tests had disclosed Cuban Army markings on some of the captured weapons. Photographs of these markings will be submitted to the Council on Tuesday and the weapons themselves will be shown to the inter-American fact-finding committee when it visits Venezuela, he said.

The Venezuelan Ambassador said his Government would insist on a special meeting of the hemisphere foreign ministers to study the findings of the committee.

The United States has already announced that it is satisfied with the proof offered by the Venezuelan Government to support its charges of Cuban aggression.

Dr. Tejera Paris said the foreign ministers would be asked to direct the American republics that still have diplomatic, commercial or financial ties with Havana to break them off. These countries are Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Mexico and Uruguay.

If these steps fail to discourage the Cuban regime from subversion, the Ambassador said, "We shall contemplate military measures, either on a collective or unilateral level."