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Tonight I propose that the nations

of the Western Hemisphere pool their efforts
and skills for a "Year of Agricultural
Progress" in Latin America.

We must develop a determined and
cooperative program in the coming year to
modernize agricultural techniques and
boost production in Latin American nations.

Let us mark the first anniversary of
the "Alliance for Progress" by launching

Canada
Parliament

Year of
Agricultural
Progress

Steph
Alliance

a dedicated effort to put Latin American agriculture firmly on the road to modernization and abundance.

This coming year should be more than a year of hope. It should be a year of solid achievement for Latin American agriculture.

Working through the Alliance for Progress, we can demonstrate what a free people in free societies can do to boost agricultural production.

By stimulating land reform, the development of farm cooperatives, the extension of farm credit systems and the

"Hope + Achievement"

"National Western Hemisphere Food + Skills Progress"
"100th yr of Land Grant College!"

Land Reform
COOPS
Credit
Educa

Soil Conservation
County Agents

establishment of rural electrification,

we can help lift the people of Latin

America from the valley of want to the

peaks of abundance and progress.

The agricultural abundance of the
United States is a proud achievement.

It is proof of what can be done by a

free people who use their skills and

energies effectively.

Our Success
Agriculture -
Education

In this Hemisphere, we have the
skills, the experts, the resources and

the people to transform vast areas of

lands from dust and swamp and jungle

to fertile farms of food and fiber.

Agricultural leaders and experts

throughout the Hemisphere should be
enlisted to work together through the
Alliance for Progress to stimulate
agricultural modernization in under-
developed areas of Latin America.

Land Grant
colleges
Need Ag
Schools!

yes,

Progress in agriculture should
receive top priority in the Alliance for
Progress.

We now know that collectivized
agriculture has been a flat failure in
Red China, the Soviet Union and now in
Cuba.

Agricultural developments in those
three nations---including growing food

shortages and unrest among the farmers---
←
offer glaring evidence of the failure
of Communism to serve the people.

↳ This week's decision to ration food
in Cuba is a direct result of the agres-
sive and tyrannical policies of the Castro
regime.

If Castro would stop acting like a
small-time bully and allow Cuba to take a
responsible place in the family of Western
Hemisphere nations, the Cuban people would
not face such staggering problems as food
shortages and economic stagnation.

↳ Tuesday's decision by Cuban Premier

Castro in
Trouble

Castro to ration all basic foods---and
other household necessities---throughout
Cuba is an admission of failure. *USSR. China*

The United States should attempt
immediately, through the Voice of America,
to let the Cuban people know that such
hardships as food rationing are unnecessary.
Such steps stem from the aggressive designs
of Castro's regime.

↳ We should let the Cuban people know that they
are the victims of the Castro regime. We
should let them know that Castro is not
hurting the United States or any part of
Latin America, but that he is hurting and

halting their own chances for prosperity
and progress.

And - 2 The United States should attempt to
determine whether or not there is real
human suffering in Cuba today.

If widespread malnutrition or hunger
exist or are imminent in Cuba now, such
private organizations as CARE, Catholic
Church World Service - Lutheran Protestant
Welfare Services or the Red Cross ~~might~~
will ~~well want to~~ come to the rescue of the
Cuban people, despite the antagonistic
policies of the Cuban government.

2 The people of the United States do
have the spirit of "good neighbors" to
the people of Cuba. We sympathize with
them, despite the arrogance of the leaders

of Castro Regime -

of the Castro regime.

We offer progress through cooperation
and freedom, not through collectivization
and totalitarianism.

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X Peace Corps

X AID - COOPS

X U.N.

X FOOD FOR PEACE

(X) Int. Health

Agricultural Reserves

Headlines

Trouble behind
Iron Curtain

- ✓ China, Russia Dispute
- ✓ Food Shortage
- ✓ Industrial Bureaucracy
- ✓ Capital Shortage
- ✓ Labr Shortage

Geneva Conference
Berlin



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