Hafter Sends Dominican Agents; Seeks Condemnation of US Aims

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Rebel leader Fidel Hafter, vehement critic of “Yankee” imperialism, dispatched three emissaries to the Model Organization of American States conference held last week at Pan American College in Edinburg, Texas.

Each of the 16 participating schools was designated an OAS member-nation whose interests it was obliged to represent at the conference. The Rice delegates, Gringo es Vaughan, Matzen, and Schnitt, were cast in the roles of diplomats from the Dominican Republic.

The Dominican “crisis” became the burning issue of the conference as the Republic’s three ambassadors, borrowing heavily from Senator Fulbright’s mighty arsenal, rained an unceasing verbal barrage upon the United States (Baylor) for its “unwarranted and illegal intrusion into Dominican affairs.”

Aggressor Nation

Moreover, the Dominican delegation sponsored a resolution vigorously condemning the United States for “past aggressions” and promising “expulsion from the OAS if the United States again violates the sovereignty of a member state.”

But the proposal encountered stiff opposition from a coalition headed by the United States. Even Ambassador Vaughan’s irresistible blend of lucid reasoning and piercing polemics failed to sway the opposition’s forces: A final vote of 7-6 spelled defeat for the Dominican resolution.

Social Problems

A recurring theme of the conference was the intense poverty faced by Latin Americans. In this connection, the Rice delegation conducted an enlightening, on-the-spot investigation of the cultural and economic ills which had arisen for lack of extensive industrialization in northern Mexico.

Baylor Thwarts

In the final OAS session, the Rice delegates were encouraged to seek the Secretary-Generalship of next year’s conference. Although Rice and several other delegations had to leave Edinburg hours before the actual balloting on Sunday afternoon, proxy votes were secured from the schools which left early.

It was later learned, however, that a Baylor resolution invalidating proxy votes was instrumental in Baylor’s winning the Secretary-Generalship.