Unions, Colleges Provoke Agitation Among Peruvians

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Dr. Juan Bautista de Lavalle, ambassador from Peru to the Organization of American States, visited Rice University briefly Wednesday. He was on his way to Washington from the Punta del Este meeting of foreign ministers, and was a guest of Mr. Richard O'Keeffe, of the library.

PERU WAS the country that shocked the hemisphere by calling for the ouster proceedings against Cuba. Lavalle commented that a big reason for this was internal subversion attempts both in Peru and in other smaller South American countries.

With respect to internal subversion, in Peru as in other similar countries, Lavalle mentioned that most of the noise came from agitators, small groups situated in the Unions and in the Universities. He said that a student could stay in a University as long as he paid his fees. Some, he added, like many of the agitators, stayed for years.

DR. LAVELLE blamed much of the problem on abysmal ignorance of much of the population. He stated that most hadn't the vaguest idea of what communism was or did; that stone throwing was fun, used to the advantage of the agitators.

Lavalle, both a judge and a law professor at Lima University before his post in the OAS, said that the Alliance for Progress would be a major factor in correcting this situation, and mentioned the growth of the Latin-American middle class as a major step in the fight against Communism.