

ARMY'S GRIP FIRM IN CUBAN CAPITAL

Riots Are Not Regarded as
Forcing Intervention by
the United States.

SWING TO RIGHT IS SEEN

Students Grow More 'Realistic'
on Red Menace as Soldiers
Grow Impatient.

for the reunion between the students and the ABC secret revolutionary society, which fought together against General Machado, expressed the hope tonight that such fusion may be brought closer by today's events. Bringing the Communist issue to a head may reunite the students and ABC in another patriotic movement, which would strengthen the government and give it strong popular support.

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HAVANA, Sept. 29.—Today's clash between soldiers and Communists does not mean intervention or the landing of marines under present conditions.

After the shooting stopped it was apparent that the army had the situation firmly in hand. The question in official American circles was whether there would be retaliatory sniping by the Communists here or further demonstrations in other cities.

An additional destroyer has been sent from the United States naval station at Guantanamo to Santiago, where a Communist demonstration is expected tomorrow and where racial troubles between whites and blacks, hitherto brewing beneath the surface and recently agitated by Communists, complicate the problem. No other changes have been made in the disposition of United States naval forces in Cuban ports.

Students Showing Strength.

Despite these fears, official American opinion regards today's events as regrettable, as bloodshed always is, but as indications that the student government finally has "come down from the clouds" and is facing realities. The student idealists running the government originally had insisted that the "moral force" of their ideals was sufficient to enable them to maintain a stable government and keep law and order. However, they have recently shown a realization that the widespread Communist agitation among the submerged labor and racial masses was both a threat against their government and against the orderly life of the whole Cuban nation.

For several days members of the Student Directorate have been discussing the danger of the government's weak position in handling the Communists and the necessity of taking a stronger line. Moreover, the former army sergeants who were promoted to commissioned posts after the sergeants' meeting, and even the privates in the ranks, have been talking openly about the students being "too radical" and the need for "killing some Communists."

Shortly before the Red show began today a sergeant-major in command of twenty-five men around Central Park told a correspondent "the army has decided to end communism and expects it will be necessary to kill many before this is accomplished."

During the affray two truckloads of soldiers drove past the United States Embassy en route to the scene of action. One soldier shouted in English toward the Embassy, "There will be no more communism in Cuba!"

Swing to the Right Seen.

Although the Left Wing of the student movement is not part of the government and has been pro-Communist from the beginning, it is believed today's development finally shows the Student Directorate, in which some Communist influence has been suspected, has definitely swung to the Right.

Public opinion, as far as it is possible to ascertain this early, seems to be supporting the government's action.

Not only the soldiers and students but impartial reports agree that the soldiers did not fire until after sniping began against them from the rooftops while they were carrying out the government's orders to hold the demonstration in check. The only criticism of the soldiery so far is that some apparently became excited and fired indiscriminately, causing the wounding of bystanders.

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