

do not have the capabilities of making much of a military contribution there, but in any event it is not their judgment that they should attempt to do so.

Mr. Gross. That is the only answer there is to this —that they just don't have the disposition, or will, or sense of reciprocity to help us where the going is rough? Aren't you concerned about this, Mr. Secretary?

Secretary Rusk. We would be glad to have assistance from any source, and assistance of any type.

Mr. Gross. Did we ask them to do something?

Mr. Rusk. Some of the steps which they have taken have been in response to indications from the Government of South Vietnam and ourselves that assistance would be welcome, but I would not wish to leave you with the impression that this is a serious possibility that the Latin Americans would take part in the military operations in southeast Asia.

Mr. Gross. As a matter of fact, Mexico refused to make any shipping available to us when our troops in Vietnam were running low on ammunition and other supplies, isn't this correct?

Secretary Rusk. I would have to look into that. I am not familiar with it.

Chairman MORGAN. The time of the gentlemen from Wisconsin has expired.

Mr. Gallagher?

Mr. GALLAGHER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Secretary, I was just reviewing the vote on the Bogotá resolution. We received the resolution on the 15th of August, from President Eisenhower and we voted on it on the 25th.

This committee moved quite expeditiously. We were proud to authorize our executive people to go down to Bogotá with the full backing of the Congress, and I would hope that our President now will have this resolution speedily passed so that he will have the same authority now that this committee, under a Democratic majority, I might say, gave to President Eisenhower.

I listened to Mr. Gross, who said he had many questions to ask you. He had much more time than any of the rest of us had, but I think it is quite significant, and the record ought to show, there were not very many questions that were germane to this resolution, and that those questions which were asked, I think, were answered right on point, and that any information that was requested was available.

I also heard him ask for a progress report. I think one of the greatest progress reports has not been asked for, since we are considering Latin America, and that progress report is related to the Dominican Republic. I heard a great deal of criticism back in the days of the Dominican Republic when a lot of people said we were quite arrogant, others questioned our credibility, but I think one of the significant things that should be considered now is that the Dominican Republic worked out very well. We said our troops would go home when order was restored. Order was restored and our troops did go home. That country has restored law and order and the people have an opportunity, and there is hope down there. I think this, too, is one of the credentials that our President will be carrying into the coming conference.