

SUPPORT FOR A NEW PHASE OF THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met, pursuant to adjournment, at 10 a.m., in room 2170, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Thomas E. Morgan (chairman) presiding.

Chairman MORGAN. The committee will come to order.

We are meeting this morning in open session to continue hearings on resolution House Joint Resolution 428. To support the other American Republics in a historic new phase of the Alliance for Progress.

The witness this morning is the Ambassador Sol M. Linowitz, U.S. representative to the Council of the Organization of American States.

With Ambassador Linowitz is Anthony M. Solomon, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs; Robert M. Sayre, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs; and Richard Richardson, Acting U.S. Coordinator, Alliance for Progress.

Mr. Ambassador, you have a prepared statement and you may proceed, sir.

STATEMENT OF AMBASSADOR SOL M. LINOWITZ, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

Ambassador LINOWITZ. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I would like at the outset of this statement to offer any disclaimer with respect to longstanding expertise in this field. As perhaps you know, I have only recently taken on my duties. Actually it is a little over 4 months since I came to work for the Government, and what I'll presume to do in a few minutes this morning is offer you some of my own observations as those of someone from the business world who has recently found himself exposed to an enterprise of much larger dimensions—the Alliance for Progress.

As a businessman, even one with an abiding interest in Latin America, I could only acquire a rudimentary sense of the problems of that continent, and only a parochial view of its promise.

But I have now had an opportunity to see the Alliance from the broad perspective that I think only the public service affords. I have, in my work as an Ambassador to the Organization of American States and as the U.S. representative to the Inter-American Committee for the Alliance for Progress (CIAP), come to know my colleagues from