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REPORT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE SITUATION  
IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Addendum

1. The following information on the situation in the Dominican Republic has been received from the Office of my Representative there from 7 January 1966, the date of my last report on the subject (S/7032/Add.5), to 11 January 1966.
2. In my report of 7 January, I referred to the order issued on 6 January by President Héctor García-Godoy regarding the appointment of a new Minister of the Armed Forces and new Service Chiefs and the transfer abroad of military officers, including the former Minister of the Armed Forces and Service Chiefs and senior "constitutionalist" officers. Following the promulgation of this order, the Dominican Armed Forces issued a communiqué, which was broadcast over Radio San Isidro, objecting to the decision of the President and announcing that the officers newly appointed as Minister of the Armed Forces and Service Chiefs would not accept the posts offered to them.
3. During the night of 6/7 January 1966, elements of the Dominican Armed Forces occupied the Santo Domingo Radio-Television Station and suspended its operation. A detachment of Dominican troops also occupied the Telecommunications Centre in Santo Domingo.
4. On the morning of 7 January 1966, there were some disturbances in Santo Domingo. Troops of the Inter-American Peace Force had to disperse a demonstration by workers trying to reach the National Palace, and two civilians were killed and several wounded as a result of shooting by unknown persons. In the afternoon, another civilian was shot dead and two of his relatives wounded when unknown assailants fired at their car.
5. On the same day, the OAS Ad Hoc Committee issued a communiqué expressing its full support and co-operation to the President and his Government (see S/7073).

6. In response to a request for assistance submitted by the Provisional Government to the OAS Ad Hoc Committee, detachments of the IAFP, after a day's negotiations with the Dominican Armed Forces, took over the Santo Domingo Radio-Television Station and the Telecommunications Centre, on 9 January 1966, without incident. The radio-television station resumed broadcasting the next morning.
7. On 9 January, two former "Constitutionalists" were killed in a bar and a bomb was thrown at a drugstore located on Avenida Bolívar. However, except for these incidents, Santo Domingo and the country remained generally calm and business proceeded as usual.
8. On 10 January, a strike was called by political parties and other groups to which extreme left-wing political leanings are attributed to demonstrate against the Provisional Government for its inability "to bring the Armed Forces under civilian control and to rid the country of the military chiefs" and to demand protection of individual life and property from assassination and bombings. During the day, some disturbances occurred in Santo Domingo, in the course of which one civilian was shot and killed by a member of the IAFP, reportedly acting in self-defence.
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