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Declaration made by the Govt. of Costa Rica on 26 May, to
observe the convention of Rights and Duties in case of
civil war.

Transmits translation of the above
declaration signed at Havana on 20 February 1928.

Bound all Heads of Missions in Central America, with

Last Paper.

AN 2328 ✓

(Minutes.)

References.

Ford ✓ What does the 1928 Convention
say, please?

Jackson 23/16.

(Print.)

(How disposed of.)

It has 5 Articles - signatures undertake:

(1) to use all means at their disposal to prevent rebels
from participating in ... starting or promoting civil strife,
to disarm + intern every rebel force crossing their boundaries -
to forbid traffic in arms, except where intended for the Govt
to prevent adaptation of ships for unlike purposes
within their territories ...

(2) + (3) deal in more detail with ships & piracy

(4) + (5) are protocol

Further details available if req^d

HV five more 30 June

The Costa Rican Junta's recent action
in suspending personal guarantee presumably
comes under (1) above!

Jackson 1/7.

(Action
completed.)

(Index.)

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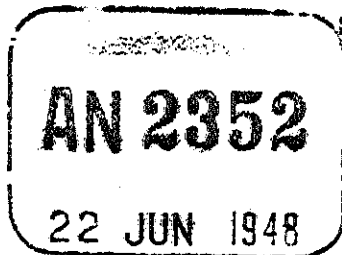
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BRITISH LEGATION

No. 27.
Ref: 34/1/3



San José, Costa Rica.

May 31st, 1948.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a translation of a declaration made by the Government of Costa Rica on the 28th instant, relative to its intention to observe the Convention of Rights and Duties in the case of civil war signed at Havana on the 20th February, 1928.

This declaration has been communicated to me by the Costa Rican Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The declaration has been reproduced in the Press and it is there stated that it has been communicated to all foreign representatives in this country and to all Costa Rican diplomatic and consular officers in the various republics of the American Continent.

A copy of this despatch, with enclosures, is being sent to all H.M. Heads of Missions in Central America and to H.M. Ambassador in Washington.

I have the honour to be,
with the highest respect,
Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

B. Sullivan
(B.P. Sullivan).

H.M. Principal Secretary of State
for Foreign Affairs,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W. 1.

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TRANSLATION

The Government of Costa Rica taking into consideration the grave implications that might have for America the crisis in international relations which at the present time has arisen in the East of Europe; and considering that reciprocal peace and confidence between the States of the American continent make themselves felt at this time as necessities vitally necessary, judges it opportune to make the following declaration:

In no moment more than this could the rules of mutual respect which dominate relations between American States and which have been elevated to the category of international treaties for our countries have more actuality and importance. Moreover, never has been more urgent the security of a frank and loyal collaboration amongst the States of America in order to assure, on the basis of a prudent international policy, a state of stable peace and a continuous coordination of our interests towards the common good and of our ideals towards a united desitny.

An example of such treaties is the Convention of Rights and Duties of States in the case of civil war signed at Havana the 20th February, 1928, of which the terms were ratified by the Government of Costa Rica and which the Government intends to observe strictly in as much as it considers that their observance by all the countries of this hemisphere is an unavoidable requisite for the consolidation of continental peace.

In view of the foregoing, the Government of Costa Rica reiterates that it will take at all times the indispensable measures in order that the stipulations of the pact of the 20th February 1928, and similar conventions be not violated and that it maintains the hope that, the other American countries actuated by the same spirit, will maintain mutual confidence between the nations of this Continent.

Given at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in San José on the 28th day of the month of May 1948.