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1823 -- U.S. PRESIDENT JAMES MONROE WARNS EUROPEAN POWERS NOT TO INTERFERE IN THE AFFAIRS OF ANY FREE COUNTRY IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1848 -- U.S. DEFEATS MEXICO AFTER TWO-YEAR WAR.

Mexico forced to give up half its territory to U.S.

1865 -- U.S. PROTESTS FRENCH OCCUPATION OF MEXICO. FRANCE, ALSO OPPOSED BY MEXICAN FORCES, WITHDRAWS

1898 -- AS RESULT OF SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR, PUERTO RICO BECOMES COLONY OF UNITED STATES

Cubans, who had fought in war for independence from Spain, come under "protection" of U.S.

1899 -- U.S. FRUIT COMPANIES IN LATIN AMERICA ARE RESENTED FOR MAKING HUGE PROFITS--ACCUSED OF TRYING TO CONTROL LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS

1903 -- U.S., ANXIOUS TO BUILD CANAL ACROSS CENTRAL AMERICA, HELPS PROVINCE OF PANAMA REVOLT AGAINST COLOMBIA

Panama grants U.S. right to build and operate canal.

1904 -- PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT ANNOUNCES: U.S. FORCES TO COLLECT DEBTS FROM LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS

1905 -- U.S. INTERVENES IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

U.S. agents collect money Dominican Republic owes to foreign creditors.

1912 -- DISTURBANCES BREAK OUT IN NICARAGUA

~~U.S. President Taft sends in marines to protect American investments.~~

1914 -- REVOLUTIONS SHAKE DEBT-RIDDEN HAITIAN REPUBLIC

U.S. lands marines there.

1915 -- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC CHALLENGES U.S. ROLE AS ITS PROTECTOR. U.S. SENDS IN MARINES; SUSPENDING DOMINICAN LEGISLATURE

1933 -- RESENTED THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA, U.S. PROMISES TO ACT AS "GOOD NEIGHBOR"

President Franklin Roosevelt vows not to interfere in affairs of neighbors.

1947-- THE U.S. AND TWENTY LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES FORM ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS); SIGN MILITARY DEFENCE PACT

1961 -- IN PLAN TO OVERTHROW CUBAN GOVERNMENT OF FIDEL CASTRO, U.S. LANDS INVASION FORCE ON BEACHES OF BAY OF PIGS

Most of "Freedom Fighters" killed or captured.

1961 -- PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY PROPOSES "ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS"

\$20 billion aid program to improve living conditions in Latin America.

1965 -- PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON, FEARING A COMMUNIST OVERTHROW IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, SENDS U.S. TROOPS THERE WITHOUT CONSULTING OAS

Prevents return of democratic rule.

1977 -- PANAMA AND U.S. SIGN NEW TREATY: OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF CANAL TO GO BACK TO PANAMA BY THE YEAR 2000

1983 -- GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA OVERTHROWN

President Reagan charges that overthrow is part of Soviet-Cuban move to use the Island as center for export of revolution.

U.S. sends in American troops to restore government more favorable to U.S.

1984 -- U.S. GIVES MILLIONS IN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID TO GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR, IN ATTEMPT TO DEFEAT COMMUNIST REBELS

1987 -- U.S. GIVES MONEY AND HUMANITARIAN AID TO GUERILLAS FIGHTING TO OVERTHROW COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA