Kennedy Virtually Invites Cuban Coup

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Kennedy all but invited the Cuban people today to overthrow Fidel Castro's Communist regime and promised prompt U.S. aid if they do.

Kennedy's encouragement of a Cuban coup was contained in a major foreign policy speech before the Inter-American Press Association (IAPA) meeting night in Miami Beach, Fla.

The President said it would be a happy day if the Castro government is ousted.

His pledge and an offer to extend U.S. backing for any Latin American nation seeking aid to resist a Communist takeover attempt climaxcd a busy politics-filled trip to Florida.

The chief executive was reported encouraged by the warm reception he received in Tampa and he told an airport rally in Miami that he was convinced Florida would vote for the Democratic presidential ticket in 1964.

FLASHES CAMPAIGN SMILE

Kennedy acted like a man running for the White House as he motorcaded past cheering crowds, shook hands with dozens of bystanders and flashed his familiar campaign smile.

"Great trip," one White House official observed with an eye to the unexpected enthusiasm shown in a state that has voted Republican in the last three presidential elections.

Democratic congressmen from Florida were impressed by the applause Kennedy received in defending his civil rights proposals before the Florida Chamber of Commerce at Tampa.

Kennedy's major address of a five-speech day was his Latin American policy statement before U.S. and South American editors. He said that the American states must do everything they can to prevent the establishment of "another Cuba" in the Western Hemisphere.

"The American states must be ready to come to the aid of any government requesting aid to prevent a takeover linked to the policies of foreign communism rather than an internal desire for change," he said.

PLEDGES AID

"My country is prepared to do this," Kennedy pledged to applause from the 1,000 persons at the IAPA banquet.

He also promised that this country would work to block any effort to replace Castro with a right-wing government reminiscent of the former Fulgencio Batista dictatorship.

"No Cuban need feel trapped between dependence on the broken promises of foreign communism and the hostility of the rest of the hemisphere," he said.