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# Castro's Sister Supports Liberation War for Cuba

## Says U.S. Should Help Anti-Red Patriots

The sister of Fidel Castro said here Friday that the best way to eliminate communism from Cuba is for the United States "to allow the anti-Communist Cuban patriots to break out a liberation war and give them the moral and material support they need."

Miss Juanita Castro, who fled the Communist island after her brother's 1959 takeover, said the U.S. must stop the "persecution" of anti-Communist Cuban combatants and the confiscation of their equipments "bought with the donations from humble and hard-working Cuban exiles."

Miss Castro said the U.S. cracked down on the Cuban refugees after the launching of a Cuban invasion earlier this year by Col. Vincente Mendez and his group of men from Alpha 60, an exile organization based in Florida.

### FIGHT UP HILLS

"They are still fighting up the hills in our enslaved country in order to liberate it from the Communist oppression," Miss Castro declared, adding, "Some other groups are getting ready to follow their example."

Speaking before a student organization calling itself "Operation Unification" at Louisiana State University in New Orleans, Miss Castro warned that Cuba was being utilized by the Soviet Union as "a military base for subversion and aggression."

She maintained that the U.S. did not come out the winner in the 1962 missile crisis, when the U.S. forced the Russians to withdraw offensive missiles from the island. She said a pact was signed then between the U.S. and Russia without the knowledge of the Cuban and American people.

This pact, she said, stipulated that the Soviets would withdraw their rockets from Cuba in exchange for a U.S. commitment not to invade Cuba or allow others to do it, including anti-Communist Cubans.

### BETRAYER

Of her brother, Miss Castro

said she regards him as a "betrayed" of the Castro family and all of the Cuban people. "He betrayed me and he betrayed the Cuban revolution."

Eleven years of communism in Cuba has turned out to be a "fiasco" as it has in other communist countries, according to Miss Castro.

"Cuba is worse than before in all the aspects of life. In the course of 11 years Cuba, instead of making a progression, has



MISS JUANITA CASTRO

made a regression. Cuba was a nation that, despite its political difficulties, was progressing. Nowadays, not only has it ceased to progress, but it has regressed to an unbelievable level."

She said all groceries in Cuba are rationed today. "The daily diet is insufficient and hunger increases daily. The only thing that progresses is the repression and terror from the Communist authorities."

### NUCLEAR REACTORS

Two years ago, Miss Castro said, the Russians started to introduce in Cuba equipment to build two nuclear reactors. This move, she said, was meant as a new "strategic blackmail" against the nations of North America.

Miss Castro said the American people should demand an explanation from its officials on "why is it and how is it that the Soviet Union is building another nuclear base in Cuba."

She asserted that the present American "show case" policy has failed, meaning that the idea of showing Cuba as a bad example of what communism is.

"The policy of the commercial blockage failed. The policy of expecting an internal revolt failed. The policy of plotting with those around Fidel failed. The policy of encouraging the Soviet Union to purge Fidel failed. The policy of coexisting and negotiating also failed."

### MILITARY BASE

Unless the U.S. supports anti-Communist Cubans in their fight to overthrow Castro, Cuba

will continue on being a military base for the Soviet Union, she said.

Miss Castro said her brother's objective is still to transform all of Latin America into a Communist sphere. She said the recent election of a Marxist candidate in Chile did not reflect the true feeling of the Chilean people before the candidate won by a slim vote margin, and only 36 per cent of the vote.

She expressed hope that the Chilean Congress, which must decide the winner later this month, will choose a non-Marxist and not allow Chile to be turned into a Communist state like Cuba.

The group Miss Castro spoke to is an organization of LSUNO students, with John D. Cassanova as president. Organized last July 4, "Operation Unification" has as its main purpose the stimulation of dialogue rather than confrontation, according to Cassanova.

Other officers are Gerald E. Kears, vice-president; and Kenneth Burke, treasurer.