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TOPPLE FIDEL, IS SISTER'S AIM

Juanita Castro Rabid

Anti-Communist

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MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Juanita Castro has been trying during five years in exile to foment a counterrevolution against her brother Fidel, the prime minister of Cuba.

Now, she says, she devotes full time to this project and to helping distressed refugees from her brother's regime.

"The problem of Cuba demands all my time," said Miss Castro, 34, comely and fashionably miniskirted. "I have little time for pleasure."

SECOND SPEECH

Every time Fidel makes a speech, Juanita broadcasts another to the Cuban people. And she goes on the air frequently exhorting people in her homeland, especially in the armed forces, to rise up.

Among those who could be listening is the boy friend she left behind in Cuba in June 1964.

"I have learned that he is on the side of the (Castro) regime," said Miss Castro, a touch of melancholy in her brown eyes. "He was a captain in the rebel (Castro) army."

The 5-foot-5, brown-haired senorita, who bears a physical resemblance to Fidel, said that in exile she has only occasional dates—no time for romance.

"I am a passionate anti-Communist," she said, explaining the split with her brother. "That is an obsession in my life."

FOUNDATION AID

Juanita spends long hours at a desk in offices of the Marta Abreu Foundation, which she founded to help fellow exiles. Throughout the day, Cubans needing assistance go there. The foundation, named for a woman who did similar work in Cuba during the independence wars against Spain, maintains centers in Mexico, Jamaica and Spain. It is financed by contri-

butions.

Miss Castro lives quietly with a family of exile friends in a modest home. She reads Spanish and French books, mostly with anti-Communist themes. She has learned enough English for essential needs and remains aloof from exile political intrigue.

Her anti-Fidel broadcasts are beamed to much of Latin America.

One of her latest replied to a pastoral letter by Roman Catholics in Cuba calling for lifting of the U.S. economic boycott of Cuba because of hardships the people are undergoing. "What does the economic boycott have to do," Miss Castro asked, "with Cuba not producing, as before, enough rice, beans, vegetables, fruit, meat, fish, poultry, eggs, coffee and items that are rationed now?"

FEW NEEDS

Unnamed sponsors of these broadcasts provide income for the senorita. She says her personal needs are few.

She said she also maintains contact with anti-Castroites inside Cuba.

Things were different during childhood days on the big Castro sugar plantation in eastern Cuba. Juanita recalled: "Fidel and I used to play together. We played cards, we went to the beach together, we had good times."

During Fidel's revolution which overthrew President Fulgencio Batista in 1959, Juanita was on his side. While his forces held forth in the rugged Sierra Maestra, she dealt with peasants in the area, and taught some of their children.

Then, early in 1960, said Juanita, she learned that her brother was a Communist.

"I heard him say things and became suspicious," she said.

VISITORS CITED

She added: "Carlos Rafael Rodriguez always entered his home with ease, while Bonsal had to wait to see him." Rodriguez, founder of Cuba's Communist party, now is a Castro Cabi-

net minister and confidante. Philip Bonsal was the last U.S. ambassador to Cuba.

Miss Castro began underground activity against her brother's regime. Then she packed her bags and quietly, unmolested, boarded a Cuban airliner for Mexico. From there she came to Miami.

Since then, she said, she has had no contact with Fidel or his brother Raul, minister of Cuba's

armed forces.

Juanita said she has had indirect contact with her oldest sis-

ter, Angelita. She expressed hope that Angelita, in Cuba, would turn against communism.