

Peking Prints Text of

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PEKING, Feb. 22 — The main Chinese Communist Party newspaper devoted three of its six pages today to the full text of an attack on China by Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, foreign comments on it, and its own critical note.

The People's Daily made the first Chinese newspaper

reference to the vehement criticism Castro delivered 16 days ago, in which he accused China of trying to subvert the Cuban armed forces with anti-Soviet literature.

Observers here believed the interval was used to give Communist Party officials all over the country time to prepare the population for a change in the official attitude

toward Cuba, until recently regarded here in a favorable light.

A Sino-Cuban dispute blew up last month over trade differences including a Chinese cutback of rice exports to the Caribbean island.

Today's coverage was confined to the inside of the People's Daily and extracts also appeared in other news-

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Castro Attack, Makes Reply

papers. Observers said the way the material was presented left no doubt Peking wanted the Chinese people to know that Cuba now is regarded here as aligned with Russia in the Sino-Soviet dispute.

The People's Daily referred to Castro's attack as a "torrent of vicious abuse."

The editor's note said Pek-

ing had become accustomed to attacks by imperialists abroad, by volunteer revolu-

Hyland in Taiwan

TAIPEI, Feb. 23 (AP)—Vice Adm. John H. Hyland arrived in Taiwan today on his first visit to this island since he assumed command of the U.S. 7th Fleet two months ago.

tionaries and by bad elements at home.

It continued: "Our attitude is: let them go on abusing us; we will reply as and when necessary."

"We have not so far given a sympathetic reply to Premier Castro's anti-Chinese statement. We reserve our right to do so."

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