

CASTRO ASSAILS KENNEDY TACTICS

**Calls Him Similar to Batista,
Worse Than Eisenhower**

HAVANA, Sept. 8 (UPI)—Premier Fidel Castro said today that President Kennedy was "the Batista of his time" more demagogic than former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The bitter attack on the President was made in a rambling informal dissertation after a reception at the Brazilian Embassy.

"Kennedy is the Batista of his time," he said, "and the most opportunistic American President of all times."

Fulgencio Batista y Zaldivar was the Cuban dictator ousted five years ago in the revolution led by Dr. Castro.

"Kennedy is a cretin," the Premier asserted, "and a member of an oligarchic family that controls several important posts in the Government. For instance, one brother is a Senator and another, Attorney General. And there are no more Kennedy officials because there are no more brothers."

He Discounts Rebel Raids

Puffing on a cigar, Dr. Castro leaned back in an easy chair and said: "Kennedy is thinking more about re-election than about the American people. He thinks only of Kennedy and nothing else."

Dr. Castro said that he was not interested in United States domestic politics, but that it seemed to him "Eisenhower was less demagogic than Kennedy." General Eisenhower, when he was President, was a frequent target of Dr. Castro's attacks.

recent sea and air raids by exiles on Cuban industry have done no damage to speak of, Dr. Castro said, and added that Cubans knew "the hand of the United States and its Latin-American puppet governments, particularly Guatemala, Costa Rica and Nicaragua, are behind those attacks."

Speaks of Khrushchev

Concerning the projected visit here of Premier Khrushchev, Dr. Castro said:

"Nikita is coming soon. As he is the invited guest, he is the one who must set the date. But any time he comes he will be received with traditional Cuban hospitality."

"Every day we grow stronger and stronger," Dr. Castro said, returning to the theme of defense, "and United States paramilitary activities against the revolution have done no harm. We have more militamen than ever before."

In the three-hour discourse, Dr. Castro called the President of Venezuela, Romulo Betancourt, a "gorilla" and belittled the Alliance for Progress, the United States-backed program for economic and social development in Latin America. He said Colombia had lost three times as much money in the last 15 years because of a sharp drop in coffee prices than she would ever receive from the Alliance for Progress.

Dr. Castro said the civil rights march on Washington "was probably the biggest revolutionary demonstration in many years in the United States."

"Racial discrimination will end in the United States only when capitalism disappears," he declared. "There is a complex against Negroes in the present United States because they are the descendants of slaves."