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CUBAN COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES IN THE UNITED STATES

- * *Who are they?*
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Prior to liberation, Cuba's people suffered under a U. S.-sponsored dictatorship which conducted a campaign of oppression and terror in which thousands were murdered to preserve that dictatorship. Batista's crimes equal the horrors of Nazism. Whole armies of torturers were maintained which killed people for the sheer sake of torture.

Dr. Castro's revolution removed the leaders, directors and participants in this crime against humanity. Some were convicted of their acts by Revolutionary Tribunals, some escaped into hiding in Cuba, but most fled the wrath of a freed people and entered the U. S. as exiles.

These participants in the rape of Cuba were accomplices of the U. S. And all they did to the humanity of Cuba was done in the best interests of the U. S. Financial interests controlling U. S. policy coordinated their activities, and the international view of the dictatorship was sponsored by the U. S. Militarily, the oppression was directed by a Pentagon officer staff, military supplies came from U. S. armories, their military leaders were decorated for their actions by the U. S. with medals appropriated by Congress, and the U. S. State Department officials honored dictator Batista above all men.

The U. S. ran the economy of Cuba. U. S. firms owned or controlled its wealth, skimming the top and leaving a portion for lackeys who permitted this thievery. The corruptors of Cuba became extraordinarily wealthy, but the masses of Cuba starved as a consequence.

Political life was directed by Washington and all political activity between the nations was in the best interests of the U. S. So deep did this go that even the capitol in Havana is a miniature of Washington's.

This band of Cuban butchers now exiled in the U. S. is still working for the same interests. Their policies are unchanged, their personnel unchanged, and but for the grace of the people's militia of the Free Territory of the Americas, only their locale remains unchanged.

The U. S. resisted the changes brought about by Dr. Castro before he entered Havana; and at this time, the changes represented no more than an end to butchery and starvation. They were resisted by a Cuban dictatorship in the interests of the U. S. garrison state.

Inferences that the U. S. sympathized with Castro are made to whitewash U. S. complicity in the rape of Cuba. If the U. S. did not oppose the advent of a new government, why did it supply Batista's regime with tons of arms to fight the rebels? It stopped them only when it became obvious that he could use no more than he had already received! Why did we decorate Batista generals who led attacks on the people? Why did our military staff stand by Batista to the bitter end? Why were rebels arrested and imprisoned in the U. S. for trying to send aid from here? And finally, why did it welcome the professional killers to our land and why do we continue to aid and abet them today?

The U. S. didn't keep hands off Cuba during the Revolution. It threw rebels in prison, where some of them are today! Recently, Cuban women protested the holding of their men in U. S. prisons where they have been since Castro was in the mountains. Their pleas are still unheard.

Press and government reports show control of the U. S. by financial giants who once ran Cuba. Action taken against the Revolution from the time of Batista until today has been in the best interests of the U. S. The Cuban Revolution could be replaced by only one other system: that fostered by interests of the U. S. These interests never have, never will, and never can be the interests of Free Cubans.

Evidence of these financial interests is advanced in press coverage of the counter-revolutionary groups of Cuban exiles. First in the press and first in the hearts of the bankers is JOSE MIRO CARDONA, head of the Revolutionary Council organized in the U. S. (Note that this same press which complains about no elections in Cuba never says a word about the strict autocracy of these counter-revolutionary groups!)

Cardona is considered the official representative of the counter-revolutionaries by the U. S. According to the press, he has at least the semi-official backing of the government and is known to be a confidant of the White House staff. Cardona is palmed off as a liberal. Hearst papers quote Cardona liberalism for Cuba thusly: "I would repudiate all those (recent laws) which strike at private property." Meaning, this U. S.-styled liberal would take the land from the Cuban peasants and return it to the U. S. companies and their Cuban lackeys.

Exiles are now part of our public life. They have been imported from Cuba, are allied with the U. S., are dedicated to the overthrow of

Cuba and maintain close ties with Batistianos. Many Americans are deceived into believing that the exiles are liberal and democratic, but Cardona's Council is made up of political lackeys, opportunists and remnants of a dictatorship. These so-called liberals include publishers of Cuban periodicals, politicians who served Batista, bankers, industrialists and landowners who shared the spoils.

Cuban periodicals cooperated with Batista's dictatorship to suppress the people just as they had done under Spanish rule. Waldo Frank in his recent book, "CUBA, PROPHETIC ISLAND", recalls that the paper DIARIO DE LA MARINA abused Jose Marti, favored Spanish rule and survived through subsidy and troop protection. Batista continued this policy of subsidy and protection for his prostitute press, and the exile publishers are now here for further protection and subsidy.

An example of the "freedom of the press" type exiles is JORGE ZAYAS, publisher of AVANCE, now being published under the auspices of the U. S. Zayas has been classified as a "refugee", but he left Cuba of his own free will, openly, on a regularly-scheduled flight of the Cuban Aviation Co., on January 20, 1960. He voluntarily went into exile in the U. S.

Four days later, Zayas was elected Regional Vice-President of the Inter-American Press Association's Freedom of the Press Committee for the Caribbean Area. (President of this is Andrew Heiskell, Board Chairman of TIME, INC.) The MIAMI HERALD ran a series by Zayas slandering Cuba's government and he was lauded as a hero and democrat of U. S. caliber.

Zayas' caliber speaks for itself in the pages of AVANCE and this is what he said in response to the people's growing unrest under Batista: *"If the country is showing its willingness to cooperate with the government of General Batista in the task of national order and direction, as proved by the fact that the most representative sectors of the economy and of labor are pleased by the integration of the Consultative Council, no minority group, and much less if it represents disorganizing and anti-democratic tendencies, can be accepted as an obstacle to the total effort which must culminate precisely in a democratic restoration within the frame conceived, and promoted by the people, with the credit of the antecedent, now historical, of he who was the champion of the Constitution of 1940: General Batista."* Later, in 1952, a newspaper strike was proposed as a result of the kidnapping and torturing of newsman Mario Kuchilan by Batista's police; Zayas responded in AVANCE on August 21, saying: *"On this occasion, as in October of last year, we disagree with the proposal, considering it totally incongruent with the very function of journalism, fulfilled, on the contrary, by the extraordinary occurrence of a*

protest in which the national press has given evidence of a spirit of solidarity. A voluntary newspapermen's strike would really make no sense." The following year after additional crimes by Batista, Zayas printed on March 11th: *"Yesterday's pronouncements could all be summarized in the conclusion that the objectives of the 10th of March, recapitulated by General Batista, reside essentially in the pacific reestablishment of Constitutional life with a democratic regime, an achievement which no Cuban should refuse to support."* Notice the "pacific". Thousands of mutilated bodies rotted in Cuba to keep it "pacific".

Perhaps Zayas was just deceived and hadn't found Batista out yet as had the rest of Cuba. No! Four years later, on January 15, 1957, Zayas printed: *"Tomorrow will be the saint's day of the President of the Republic, Major General Fulgencio Batista Zaldivar, who will spend it happily with his family and numerous friends and admirers. On such occasion AVANCE is particularly happy to express to him, cordially as well as respectfully, its salutations and best wishes, praying to the almighty that the moderating placed in his hands by the Constitution through the highest office of the nation, will enable him to give a pacific and harmonious co-existence for all Cubans to enjoy."* This published a few days after the Gramma landing and again the word "pacific", used when Batista murder figures had surpassed 15,000. Don't be disillusioned, Zayas did it only for the money. Records showed that Zayas drew \$200,000 from an account set up by Batista. Quantities of cash handouts were large too.

Zayas, like all the newsmen in exile, fled Cuba for the same reason. Cuba's press was subsidized by Batista; that is, except for the revolu-

tionary press, and that is still freely published. We in the land of "freedom of the press" cannot read that because our government has it on an embargo and we cannot get that side of the story at our newsstands. Yet, Zayas still publishes AVANCE in exile and is U. S.-subsidized!

Zayas is the rule. Recall the incident when exiles presented documents, later proven forgeries, which denounced Frondizi? These were supposedly taken from the Cuban Embassy and were an attempt to make Argentina sever from Cuba. The man presenting those forgeries in that subversion was representing the F. R. D., the gang led by Cardona. That subversive was MANUEL BRANA, former editor of EXCELSIOR in Cuba.

There are many of these "freedom of the press" men, or rather, as a Cuban calls them, "gusanos", or worms, crawling around. Active in some counter-revolution against his people and ours is LOUIS BOTIFOLL, editor of EL MUNDO. He too still makes money off his publication in exile. These propaganda experts are still inspiring and supporting the violence that they thrived on under Batista. The WASHINGTON NEWS in mid-October reported a speech by newsman CARLOS TODD who spoke as a counter-revolutionary activist committing violence against Cuba who returned to Miami and was publicly organizing further violence. Remember the foiled assassination attempt on Cuba's leaders? Participants were captured and identified. One of the assassins was ALFREDO IZAGUIRRE RIVAS, of the defunct reactionary periodical, EL CRISOL.

The list goes on with details of exile newsmen involved in crime and corruption. Members of a reactionary press seem adaptable to such occupations. But the yellow press has no corner on evils being perpetrated against the Cuban people. The entire counter-revolutionary movement is riddled with corruption and their roster is a wanted list of criminals that has no end.

An attempt to list the counter-revolutionary groups with the officers needs more space than is available. Even then it would be inaccurate because they fluctuate so much one cannot be pinned down very long. The process is that a potential politician sets up an organization and expects prestige and, of course, money. Some they lure from their cohorts and the rest comes from a U. S. agency, the CIA being best because they spend the most. Difficulties arise from the fact that there is only so much room for officers and even by padding the executive rolls a group is soon saturated, and, each exile being an opportunist, a split develops. Another group is soon formed and the process is repeated over and over. Today there are hundreds of exile organizations vying for power.

Floridians are witness to these activities and in Miami can see an ambulance at one of the exile "peaceable assemblies". In Tampa, one night the sidewalk in front of F. R. D. headquarters was littered with pieces of folding chairs and two women were seen scurrying home to replace clothing torn to shreds. Gusanos put on some great spectacles.

The WASHINGTON NEWS said on October 3, 1961: "The exiles' ranks are splintered with 177 organizations vying for allegiance." Remember, the NEWS favors them, so you had better add quite a few! The following day the N. Y. TIMES said: "DR. JUSTO CARRILLO HERNANDEZ, former President of the Cuban Bank for Agricultural and Industrial Development quit the Revolutionary Council. Dr. Carrillo, 48, is President of the Monticristi Movement." Notice his title of the past, no worker he. TIME reports: "They (the exiles) spend their time talking, arguing and fighting their own civil war against the Fidelistas in Miami's permanent Cuban population of some 40,000. Score in recent weeks: two dynamitings, four Molotov cocktail attacks, and one case of arson."

A Miami UPI report said on October 7th: "A group of Cubans set up a Cuban government-in-exile here to rival the Revolutionary Council of Jose Miro Cardona." Four days later the MIAMI HERALD reported that the F. R. D., which is part of the Council, was fighting back by trying to unite "20 organizations including: The Triple A Independent; The Student Directorate; The Christian Democratic Movement; The Workers Front; The November 30 Movement; The May 30 Movement; The People's Revolutionary Movement and the Revolutionary Recovery Movement."

These are just a few of the many and their names. There is also a White Rose Society, led by ex-Senator RAFAEL DIAZ-BALART, which is 100% Batista. Others hide their Batista affiliations, but they openly espouse

the return of Batista. And, despite their public relations claims, the other organizations are riddled with Batistianos. One could hardly be a banker, big landowner, newspaper publisher or politician during the Batista regime and not work with him. Those who fought Batista had no part in that aspect of public life before the Revolution.

Note: Batista soldiers are still receiving personal checks from the dictator every month. Those with continued loyalty receive the Batista check for \$250. Many Floridians have been present while these checks have been cashed and spent by these butchers. Batista is maintaining an army of foreign mercenaries on U. S. soil with money stolen from the poor people of Cuba. These killers are some of the "freedom fighters" lauded by the U. S. press, embraced by the government, and paid by its agencies!

Don't forget ESTEBAN VENTURA and ROLAND MASFERRAR. They move freely in Florida living a rich life. They are seen with their killer bodyguards, armed, on U. S. streets. Ventura's reputation was that of the "Himmler of Cuba", and Masferrar's crimes too cruel to title!

Last year Masferrar was arrested and Americans who knew his record breathed a sigh of satisfaction. The press played it up with the implication that we were removing an undesirable alien. The story quickly died out. Why? Because Masferrar is still free in Miami and was only interrupted because his privately conducted invasions of Cuba were not helping U. S. prestige and stealing steam from the U. S.-backed Council of Cardona. Obviously, the U. S. and Masferrar came to an agreement as he still runs around Miami playing tough guy. He will continue to do so as long as this government pursues a policy of admitting the scum of the earth classified as refugees from communism. Even a butcher like Masferrar, leader of an army of torturers who castrated hundreds of Cuban teenagers to insure Batista elections, will not be classified as an undesirable alien while able to operate within walking distance of the law offices of a racist like SENATOR SMATHERS!

These invading exiles are involved in everything contrary to the welfare of our people. If you lived amongst them and suffered their depredations you would be well aware, but whether you see them or not, the impact of their activity is paid for many times over by all Americans.

While our students suffer from an acute classroom shortage, Dade County, Florida is setting up separate classrooms to cater to the exile children. Reports grow of friction in the schools, and Ribicoff announced the allocation of \$2,000,000 just for the Cubans' education. All this was in one edition of the MIAMI HERALD, on September 19th. Most children from American working class and even middle class families cannot afford universities and colleges, but these sons of exiles can go to the college of their choice because our government pays for it with our tax dollars!

If an American is sick and without insurance, property or money, it is really tough. Not so for exiles, they have free medical and dental care compliments of the U. S. Taxpayer. Then, we have so much "freedom of the press" that our taxes are subsidizing the publication of counter-revolutionary periodicals. Our tax dollars buy every kind of corruption imaginable, but worst of all, they may be buying our deaths in a war of international proportions in an attempt to take Cuba from her people who now enjoy the only liberty in their history. What a futile expenditure!

Exiles contribute nothing and take everything. All last year our press reported that the class of fleeing Cubans had changed to laborers, farmers and members of minority groups. The WALL STREET JOURNAL ran an article with headlines screaming: *"Many More Laborers, Farmers Flee Castro Regime"*. Proof that this was an unmitigated lie comes in the form of another U. S. paper which failed to coordinate its "voluntary censorship" with Wall Street. On the last day of November, the MIAMI HERALD goofed and refuted this lie by reporting: *"Plans to put Cuban refugees to work in south Dade fields have been abandoned, a Florida State Employment Service official said Sunday. Bryan Page, F. S. E. S. Farm Placement Officer, said the Cubans are unsuited to farm labor. 'We tried using 48 of them last year and the longest anyone lasted was 3*

days,' Page said. 'It's not that they don't try,' he said, 'It's just that they're middle and upper class people not conditioned to that kind of work.' Page conferred with Refugee Officials last month on possibilities of easing the farm labor shortage with Cubans. He was hopeful that since last year more farm type Cubans had arrived. 'But I found that this was not the case,' Page said. Marshall Wise, Director of the Refugee Center, said a check of his rolls turned up so few Cubans with agricultural experience that it appeared useless to try them as farm laborers.' Note that this report is from the current crop season of '61-'62, not a similar one from a year ago! Despite the JOURNAL's contentions, this will always be the case. Working class Cubans don't flee because it is they who now own the land, they who now enjoy the fruits of their labors, and it is they who are resisting the tyranny the counter-revolutionaries wish to place them under at the instigation and with the aid of the U. S.

The class character of the exiles is not, never has been, and never will be working class. The exiles are the parasitic worms who ate away at the decaying corpse of a corrupted society and who have come here to feed anew. As the MIAMI HERALD so accurately put it, they are "upper and middle class people", and certainly, the worst element of that.

Please note that most of this damning evidence against the exiles is not "communist propaganda" but comes in the main from the U. S. press which is their support. This evidently was part of Kennedy's worry and caused him to request our editors to exercise restraint and censorship.

Further information concerning the class character of the exiles came from a woman with the International Rescue Committee, who was quoted in the last April SATURDAY EVENING POST as saying: "I've seen more true gentility here, more understated elegance than I've ever seen before."

Ventura and Masferrer must throw "elegant" parties in that "elegant" mansion on that island near Miami Beach which often has the "gentle" company of the "elegant" Senator Smathers! Much more "elegant" than the miserable hovels that American migrant workers live in down the road, where the exiles are "unsuited" to work!

Exiles are unsuited for work, but seem well adapted to other things and it's no wonder they've found champions in SMATHERS of Florida and TOWERS of Texas. Southern bigots and exiles make good bedfellows. The overnight achievement of racial equality in Cuba, not toleration, but EQUALITY!!, must really burn them. Politicians don't overlook this, and are well aware that Cuba has the support of its minority groups, and the bigots and parasites are the only Cubans coming here into voluntary exile. On December 29th, the WASHINGTON NEWS quoted the famous witch-hunter, REPRESENTATIVE WALTER, as saying about the exile influx: "There are no Negroes in the exodus, not even mulattoes, because Castro is counting on the support of minority groups." Walter is correct, they are not coming here, and they are not coming here for the same reason that Robert F. Williams had to flee the U. S. and seek asylum in Havana, capitol of the Free Territory of the Americas, the only free and equal place in the hemisphere! What sane black man would want to live in this white hell?

Miami Police Chief Walter Hadly, in that same edition of the POST, disagreed about exile "gentility". He said the Cubans are a "headache, given to settling political quarrels by acts of violence, such as shootings, bombings and throwing rocks through store fronts". TIME has reported troubles with the exile numbers racket, and the city has had more than its share of a prostitute problem from Cuba. For two years the Miami schools have been plagued by narcotics attempts and suddenly the Federal government has shifted the blame to Communist China's influence in an attempt to pacify citizens' ire and save their proteges. In October the MIAMI HERALD was reporting trouble in the schools but it was hushed up. Miami is seething with violence over these exiles and that is the only reason they are trying to relocate some of them now. The simple fact is that it is so bad that even Federal funds can't soothe the headache!

To many members of the working class, black and white, it's more than a "headache", it's a downright bellyache and not from irritation, but from lack of food. The area suffers serious unemployment, so serious

they have been forced to food doles to hungry workers from the black community. The November 9th issue of JET ran a feature story on the plight of that community. Here are some quotes: "A Collection Agency... managing 10,000 apartments and homes (owned by whites) for Negroes in Miami, said it was forced to create a free employment agency primarily to seek jobs for their tenants. An estimated 20% of the tenants have lost jobs to Cubans." And: "Melvin Jackson, head of Miami Labor-Domestic Div. of F. S. E. S., said that many Negroes and whites 'have told us about losing their jobs to Cubans, but we haven't taken any notes on it.' Marshall Wise, Director of the Federal Cuban Refugee Center in Miami, defended his 'charges' with the assertion that 'of course the Negro would be the first to suffer. The guy with the least will work for the least. This is a part of the American (capitalistic) system'." Also: "Negroes, by and large, are sympathetic to the Cubans, feel that Castro has given the black Cuban status he never before knew in Cuba. The black Cuban comprises an infinitesimal percentage of Cubans coming to Miami. 'Cubans can be treated (at government expense) and are housed in modern, air-conditioned wards at Miami's Jackson Memorial Hospital', declared Garth Reeves, editor of the MIAMI TIMES. 'But paying Negro patients are not allowed in there,' he said. Charles A. Lockhart, a former union organizer said: 'I don't know the outcome. But if it continues this way, it can become explosive!'" On another page of this same edition they talk about: "The Miami woman who was denied welfare aid because she had an illegitimate baby and the question she posed about the thousands of Cuban mothers coming into the city with children and receiving welfare aid. She left welfare officials with this puzzler: 'How do you know which of those Cuban mothers have illegitimate children?'"

Exiles are granted surplus food parcels too, but it is quite different. They also get preferential treatment and government checks far exceeding anything Americans receive, plus free medical and dental care and free education, besides hidden fringe benefits. As for their receipt of surplus foods it is interesting to note that they were not using them on the basis that it wasn't good enough. Perhaps it was not good enough, but it was good enough to warrant black Americans going into the alleys of Miami to salvage what many exiles threw away!

Most of them taking jobs away from Americans are those who came out after Castro cracked down on those removing the country's wealth. If restrictions on removing the country's wealth were unique to socialist countries the press could be excused for its attack of Cuba on this basis, but it must be recalled that this is an old practice throughout the world and it was only recently that Britain, for instance, eased its monetary restrictions on Continental tourists. Cuba, in an effort to preserve her economy which was being attacked by the U. S. and tiring of seeing its wealth being used for counter-revolutionary activities, halted its exodus.

Cubans who were unable to land here with what in most cases were ill-gotten gains, were hard put, especially since their wealthier prototypes are very uncharitable. (Batista alone has enough ready cash to bail out the entire invasion army that was captured at Playa Giron!) In their cases there is much collection of U. S. checks and since it is hard to have been rich and then adjust your taste down, they work also for the extra money. And, since they do have the checks and all the other free handouts, they cut the wages out from our workers.

It is hard to tell which of the exiles is really broke because they hide their wealth and lie to get the checks too. For instance, on the 25th of February of 1962 the MIAMI HERALD had this item: "Mr. X has been receiving a \$100 family allotment since the fall of 1960. He reported only pocket money and \$216 in the bank. Actually he had \$16,576.80 on deposit in a Miami checking account. His wife had a savings account in five figures." Those who live with this element can tell you that this is the rule, not the exception. Too many are seen driving up to local markets to cash their checks, and driving away in Continentals, Cadillacs, Chryslers; and all of them new models!

The Miami press carried some further reports of exile corruption as citizens became indignant, but little is really done as the exiles get everything "fixed" from the top. However, there is more talk of refusing checks to those who deliberately refuse jobs, and this is causing the labor problems anew. Those who get all that free medical care, food, clothing, gifts, etc., can afford to work for half wages in competition with our workers. Unscrupulous businessmen fire our workers and replace them with exiles. They save on wages, combat trade unionism and fulfill the capitalists' dream of a well-controlled working class. Needless to say, friction between Americans and Cubans is at the burning point.

Businessmen love the whole set-up, as expressed in this article from the September 30th MIAMI HERALD: "Employers say they (the Cubans) make superior workers. One employer likes Cubans because: 'He works at a minimum wage,' and also, 'He never talks and even eats while he works!' This businessman hired seven more right away." Think of that now, he even works while he eats! If that businessman can only get the Refugee Center to send him some no eating type Cubans, he'll have it made!

Proof that the exiles receive preferential treatment comes from an October 16th MIAMI HERALD article which reports: "that under the Cuban program more people are eligible, that they get 20% more than ordinary aid to Americans and about 33 1/3% more than our old age assistance. And, \$2,000,000 a month is available for Cubans and only one million for the Americans, and there is always a shortage for the Americans." That sum represents only the cash, not the other benefits, and there is no shortage!

There is a taxi driver in Miami who can tell you how he picks up a little rich girl every morning, drives her three blocks to school, and repeats the trip in the afternoon. He receives a dollar each time. In between, he takes exiles to town to collect their checks by taxi. By now they are well-known to each other and there is no need to tell him to park around the corner while he awaits their return trips. He knows it doesn't look good to drive up in a taxi to collect a pauper's check.

An American gas station owner in Tampa can tell you about the exile who drove up in a new car one afternoon and asked him how much his mechanic was getting. Upon discovering the wage he told the owner he was formerly boss of the Ford concession in Havana and knew the job, had the tools (he had, all new, never used, in the trunk of the car), and would work for a third less if he'd be hired in the other's place. Much to his surprise, the gusano found himself being run off the property with the warning never to return even as a customer, because the owner felt that anyone who would do a thing like that to another man was a thief. However, this type of businessman is the exception; most fire Americans.

The plight of American workers is particularly sad in Tampa, which is a one industry town, already suffering "creeping" unemployment in a semi-automated cigar industry. (Newer industries coming in are no help, as they are all fully automated.) Tampa's workers have just received the U. S. bonus from Punte del Este: an embargo which completely eliminates all their jobs. These people who never were well off will really suffer! Historically, this is the second time that Tampa's Cuban-American cigar workers have been persecuted in attempts to oppress the Cuban people. During the revolt against the Spaniards, Tampa's workers responded to the pleas of Jose Marti who lived amongst them and spoke on the steps of the factories. In retaliation, the Spanish ruler in Havana imposed an embargo on Cuban leaf to put them out of work. Now their descendants, who on the whole still sympathize with the plight of the Cubans, are about to be supposedly finished off again. But this time, as before, the boss must learn that oppression and hardship cannot destroy an idea and he is only going to get his troubles back two-fold.

It is interesting to note that in Tampa, the Fair Play for Cuba Committee has its only southern Chapter. This is still a large and active Chapter, publishing its own bi-lingual newsletter on a regular basis. A national television broadcast with the Governor of Florida last year had the Governor admitting that exiles won't move to Tampa because they consider it too "pro-Castro". The fact is that Tampa has easy access to the truth about the Cuban situation through innumerable relatives living there, and Tampans can hear Cuban radio on standard broadcast. Under such circumstances it's difficult to deceive them with false reports.

Before last April's invasion the people of this city vigorously protested against the action they saw building up, and many went to Cuba to join what they felt was a just cause. Since that invasion, many more have relinquished residency and citizenship in disgust with this nation. If ever the truth were revealed and not covered by false reports the American people would learn that thousands of Cubans have and are still leaving the U. S. to go to Cuba. Even non-Cubans are taking flight to live in the new, free land to the south.

These people know only too well that the U. S. is preparing another invasion and they have chosen their side forever. This unfortunate truth is something that must be learned by all our people, and quickly.

The evidence is there and we must expose it. For instance, the N. Y. POST, on October 9th, printed this report out of Miami: *"Tomorrow is the Cry of Yarra Day celebration for the exiles. (Cry of Yarra being the old call to arms against the Spaniards.) The Cubans are beating the war drums again. Miro Cardona, President of the Revolutionary Council, will observe the occasion with announcing the reorganizing of the Council on a hoped potential war basis."* On the 11th of the month there were denials that there were any exile military camps in the U. S., but one of the exiles in the Council admitted that there just might be some "wildcat camps". It is interesting to note that there is even the possibility of "wildcat camps" in violation of American law, when all know that none could operate here for Castro during his Revolution! Additional proof comes from an AP report out of N. Y. saying: *"Anti-Castro Cubans are recruiting in N. Y., Chicago, Miami, and San Francisco for a war to liberate Cuba, a spokesman said Saturday night. JUAN BRAS, speaking for a committee which organized the rally, said the U. S. has a duty to help arm them. The rally speaker, JULIO GARCERAN, provisional president of an exile government, said: 'This is a call to war'."* Garceran is part of a group competing with Cardona's Council, but you see within a few days of each other they are pushing the same war line. Garceran was a former Supreme Court Justice, so we know his interests. He's being sponsored by PRIO SOCARRAS, another of the infamous Cubans who hopes to get some of the gravy Cardona is making from the U. S. However, the Council does not wish to cut the cake any thinner, so there's lots of in-fighting. That AP report was on the 30th of October, and in response to the setting up of this exile government in competition to Cardona, the U. S. Justice Department on the 7th sent a note to Garceran telling him it was illegal to have an exile government here. This was a mild protest just for the record and made to assure Cardona's success and not have his supporters desert to a new camp. Obviously, the U. S. doesn't really oppose any of the counter-revolutionaries, it wants all their people held in reserve for the big push against Cuba. But it must make real overtures to the Cardona Council because it already has so many of its men committed to the military camps throughout Central America.

Supporters of the opposition exile government included CONGRESSMAN VICTOR ANFUSO, D-Brooklyn. Anfuso went to Miami as the guest of Prio Socarras to address a rally at the formation of the exile government. On September 15th, the MIAMI HERALD quoted Anfuso as saying he had met with RUSK, *"and gathered that the U. S. government 'would like to see a government-in-exile, but would not want to take an official position; they want the Cuban people to form an exile government without interference.' He added that he believed a second military movement would soon be launched against Cuba."* It was quite a rally in Miami, about 6,000 gathered on September 17th to hear Anfuso praise the exiles, the exiles praise him back again and there mingling in the crowd, two of the main instigators of the rally were warmed to the cockles of their hearts. Which two? GENERAL MANUEL BENITEZ and RAFAEL DIAZ-BALART! Remember Balart, he's the head of the White Rose Society! There were more, too many more!

Let's settle the issue about a more "Liberal" counter-revolutionary group. It's been spread around that one MANUEL RAY is no Batista man. It's entirely possible that he wasn't tied in with the dictator before, but if his claims are true, his acts now make him little better. He's put up to be the number one sabotage man in Cuba now. You know, those bombs that have been going off in theatres, department stores, streets, and let's not forget the one in the school child's desk. Rela-

tives of innocent Cubans who have been murdered and maimed might be able to tell you a little bit about this kind of liberalism. Strangely enough, the American Social-Democrats spoke well of his sabotage efforts, so either they have been well-conned or are a pretty miserable bunch; you choose. Proof that Ray is just another one of those gusanos is given by U. S. NEWS, which found no aversion to his shade of "liberalism". They said: "In November (1960) however, from his secret hiding place in Havana Ray issued a manifesto that attacks Castro's ties to the Communists. It called for restoration of democratic freedom, return to free enterprise and the restitution of property seized by Castro." That "restitution" amounts to exactly the same policy as Cardona's Council and another try at subjecting the Cuban peasants to U. S. imperialism. Rather "liberal" with Cuban property rights is about all there is to Manuel Ray. He's among the missing these days and it is assumed that either he fell out of the graces of the CIA completely (that could be dangerous) or he got off his high horse and joined GENERAL PEDRAZA's Batista army down in Guatemala (that will be fatal).

He hasn't been seen around Florida recently, but neither he or the other exiles will ever be missed down there. Floridians have had enough of them all and their rotten ways. Our people have been shot, stabbed, beaten and bombed by this mercenary army of the CIA. Yes, there really is subversion in the U. S., plenty of it, and it's being financed and directed by the U. S. CIA. There is a foreign army operating on U. S. soil, and they are attacking Americans with immunity, not only in Florida but throughout the nation. In Hoboken, N. J., an American girl received shards of broken glass in the eyes when a Molotov cocktail was thrown through an office window. In N. Y. C. there have been innumerable cases of beatings and other violence against those who have opposed the exile-program. In Los Angeles exiles attacked a FPCC rally and had to be forcibly driven away from the speakers' platform which they tried to attack with black-jacks, chains and tire irons. Continuing the fight outside, one of the exiles shot at a detective and at that point arrests were made. It was obvious that police needed protection even if Fair Players didn't. In Miami the home of an American woman called pro-Castro was demolished by bombs: this in response to her refusing to move and buying iron window shutters to stop the rifle, pistol and machinegun bullets. In the heart of Miami's business district a restaurant was bombed repeatedly until the owner was forced to sell out. So was a nearby barber shop. At the latter, the bombers were caught in the act in broad daylight by unknowing passers-by and held for the police. With Federal representatives at the court, they were released for "lack of evidence".

As for Freedom of the Press, imported Cuban periodicals have been vandalized, their distributors attacked (one shot in the neck), and the readers' homes bombed. The only time arrests are made is when the victim gets caught resisting. Southern justice strikes white as well as black and it really pleases southern police to witness this imported style of Klan activity. There have been pseudo-raids on homes in Florida in which police, FBI and gusanos all shared. Many of the exiles carry ID cards which explain them as some sort of Federal helper boys, and occasionally they try to pass themselves off as full-fledged FBI men.

Tampa, considered pro-Castro, was thought to be such a prize that the exiles made repeated forays and committed all kinds of violence in an attempt to drive Fidelistas under. Once there were two different Cuban-American clubs just a few doors apart. Both were repeatedly attacked and reopened time and again after repairing damages. At first, attacks were made while people were in the clubs and men and children had been beaten, slashed with razors and shot at. Later, some of the attackers were caught and dealt with by the members, and that ceased. Finally, they spent half an hour one early morning completely demolishing both offices, down to rebreaking the broken pieces of furniture and knocking out completely door and window frames.

Tampa's FPCC became active just about the time these Clubs were forced to disband and attempts were made to intimidate the Chapter personnel. However, it had no office to lose and by this time people had learned how to protect themselves against this sort of violence and the attackers were satisfactorily discouraged from repeating these acts.

There is a force operating within the U. S. which is composed of foreign mercenaries, and this force is being used to attack Cuba and to

try to silence anyone here who might effectively protest this illegal and immoral act. That it is led, sponsored and financed by the U. S. is beyond any shadow of a doubt. The CIA has created a subversive army!

Evidence is again piling up for another invasion of Cuba. In view of the critical international situation, this threatens the world with nuclear holocaust. This war policy of the U. S. can be attributed to men totally blinded by greed and vindictiveness. They pose Americans not with the question of whether or not they agree about Cuba, but whether they wish to see their nation go further fascist and whether they wish to be destroyed in horrible nuclear war.

The conference at Punte del Este was set up to bring U. S. military intervention to Cuba and since the conference failed in this, the U. S. is forced to resort to its underhand counter-revolutionary army. Today the forces in the off-shore training camps and bases have doubled. The U. S. is still working with the old Batista forces to make a Cuban war. As recently as February 27th the MIAMI HERALD ran an article about attempts to relocate a few exiles in a rather unwelcome Cleveland. One of the exile leaders interviewed express their attitude thusly: said DR. OSVALDO SOTO, a member of the Cuban Revolutionary Council: "Personally I'm against resettlement...our problem is to go back and free our country as soon as possible. We are trying to get any kind of help to go and fight Castro. Resettlement makes it hard to do that." Also, the press has reported speeches by one GUTURREZ MENOYA reporting on guerrilla fighting in Cuba. He is reported as touring with top (Cuban) officials to Cuban colonies in U. S. cities to obtain contributions to buy arms and supplies. He said they were highly pleased with support received. On January 1st the AP reported Cardona asking for joint military action against Cuba. The TAMPA TIMES on February 6, 1962 reported a rally held by the Student Directorate to solicit funds to make war on Cuba. It said: "Cuban students in exile want some \$20,000 'to supply the underground in Cuba with fighting equipment'. Speakers included two members of the DRE executive council in Miami---LUIS ROCHA and LUIS GUTIERREZ." In September the BALTIMORE SUN announced "a planning commission of the F. R. D. which called for the U. S. to give 1/2 billion to put the Cuban economy on its feet after they took over." This 25 man commission includes "liberals" of the stripe of PEDRO MARTINEZ FRAGA, Chairman and former ambassador to the U. S.; JOSE ALVEREZ DIAZ, former minister of the treasury; ERNESTO FREYRE, a lawyer whose firm represented a number of American businesses; and SAMUEL GIBERGA, former Cuban Congressman.

Final proof of U. S. ties and intentions come in U. S. press quotes on the case of COLONEL MARIANO FAGET. WASHINGTON POST, October 23rd: "The Justice Department confirmed yesterday that Mariano Faget, former Batista official, is assisting U. S. Immigration Service in screening at Miami. He never questions alone. There is always an American Immigration Officer present," a spokesman said. "His purpose is to keep out any Castro agents." Faget formerly served as Director of Repression of Communist Activities. A source of complaint against Faget has been exile Cubans who say he spends more time questioning those who may have fought Batista than anyone else." N. Y. POST, October 26th: "Faget left Cuba on December 31, 1958, the same day as Batista. A Washington spokesman for Immigration says there is no reason to remove Faget. 'We have known this man for years,' he said. 'We are thoroughly aware of his entire background and there is nothing in it which would have made us stop his working for us in this fashion. He is an ex-police official who spent 20 years working with Batista governments'." The day before the N. Y. TIMES reported the White House as saying through Salinger: "the problem of Colonel Faget is not a White House problem and the White House has nothing to do with it." Final settlement of the issue came in the N. Y. TIMES report of November 27th, stating that "the creation of a special committee of anti-Castro leaders to help screen security risks among Cuban refugees was disclosed today by the Justice Department." Also, that the department had received protests over Faget but planned to keep him and that policy. It also announced: "Cooperative evaluating by anti-Castro organizations of Cubans seeking refuge will continue as standard policy."

So many "liberals" have been heard from that it would be best to conclude the press quotations with one from the "liberal" to end all "liberals", KENNEDY. In his April 20th speech after the invasion last year he lauded the "freedom fighters of Playa Giron", and gave special praise to the commander who sent the "I will never leave this beach" message for the publicity gang. (It's true, he never did leave the beach, he was captured.) Who and what kind of a man was the so-called freedom fighter so dear to the "liberal" Kennedy? His name is ROBERTO SAN ROMAN, he was a Brigadier General in this invasion. This was a big jump in rank; this "liberal" brother of Kennedy was just a Captain in the armies of Batista when he fought against Castro in the mountains before!

It has been shown that the U. S. has allied itself with the worst elements of fascism to attempt the conquering of Cuba. These elements are doubly illegal in that they are used against Americans as well as Cubans. Americans must resist this subversion against themselves, and for the sake of peace for all humanity, fight for **HANDS OFF CUBA!!!**

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