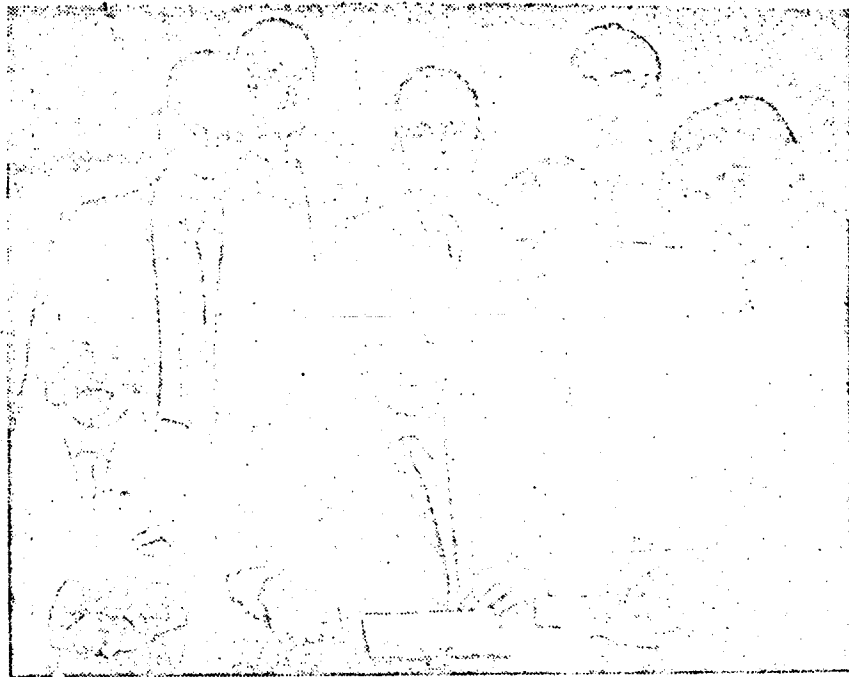


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DELEGATES OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY Front in New Orleans include, front row from left, SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH, CARLOS MARQUEZ, MANUEL B. QUESADA and FRANCISCO J. URIARTE. Standing, from left, LUIS MENENDEZ, RAMON NOGA, JORGE TABATA and CRESTES BENA.

agents on behalf of the organization, and Manuel E. Quesada, who came from Miami with Smith. As for the office, furniture and a telephone were due to arrive today.

Does a counter-revolution against Castro have a chance of success?

Quotes Figures
 For an answer, Smith quoted some figures.

Right now, he said, there is a force of 1000 resisting Castro in the Escambray mountains of Central Cuba.

Another 500,000 of Castro's enemies are outside the country and about 100,000 of them are in the Miami area, a scant 90 miles from the island stronghold, he added.

But Smith, who attended Cuba's Belen college with Castro and remembers him as a "wild" sort of guy, said he is not a member of the military wing of his organization.

Instead he is more interested in passing on to the American people some facts about the Castro regime.

Communist Hold

The average American's knowledge is somewhat like his office, Smith believes, pretty bare.

As a matter of fact, Smith said the people of America are "sleeping" while Castro is training peo-

Bare Office Launches Anti-Castro Drive Here

By DAVE SNIDER

Outwardly, at least, there was nothing but a carefully lettered sign on the frosted-glass office door to show that anti-Castro revolutionists were organizing in New Orleans.

Inscribed on the door was the title, "Frente Revolucionario Democrático Cubano." Translated into English, it's comes out Cuban Revolutionary Front.

The office itself, on the second floor of the Ealter building, 200 Camp, was bare of furniture. A box of propaganda material and a typewriter stacked against one wall were about the only signs that the bearded Cuban's enemies had arrived.

Despite the apparently inauspicious beginning, Sergio Arcacha Smith, chief delegate in New Orleans of the Cuban Revolutionary Front (F. R. D.) had no doubts about the future.

Within Six Months

"We plan to be in Cuba in six months," he stated matter-of-factly. "We have," he added more fully.

In the New Orleans office with Smith are Francisco J. Uriarte, who will work with university stu-

dent from all over South America.

"We must impress on the people here that Castro has to be stopped in Cuba, not in the rest of Latin America." The Communist Party have gained a strong hold only a few miles from the United States shore, he said.

Who is backing the F. R. D. movement?

Assisted by Batista?

Anyone who cares about the welfare of Cuba, said Smith, is officially not supporting the movement.

The organization has a slogan which means

"We are attacked by the peo-

ple of Batista. That is why we are sure we are right."

The F. R. D. is made up of five different organizations. Some members were once ardent Castro supporters and once fought for his ideals.

Others, like Smith, were disillusioned early and got out of the country.

Self-Educated

Smith received his master's degree at Columbia university in New York after graduating from Belen. He returned to Cuba and joined the diplomatic corps. A year after Batista took office, he called himself to Venezuela in dis-

gust. He returned to Cuba briefly to support Castro, but then left because Smith has been working to overthrow Castro since that time.

Smith said the F. R. D. already has 50 members in New Orleans and meetings are held about every week.

Smith said he is here to tell the Americans the truth about what is going on in Cuba.

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