

Reds' Choice of Havana Rebuffs Moscow, Cairo

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HAVANA, Jan. 14—Communist China has outmaneuvered Russia and Egypt over the site of the headquarters of the new tri-continental solidarity body, according to informed sources here.

The leftist conference here is expected to end Saturday. The headquarters of the organization it created will be in Havana, as proposed by China, and not in Cairo as urged by Egypt.

Russia at first supported Cairo strongly but later switched to Havana in order not to oppose Cuba, conference sources said.

China never scored a direct victory over Russia, according to conference sources, but Egypt received an outright defeat.

China all along opposed a single tri-continental body replacing the African and Asian Peoples Solidarity Organization because most new Latin American entrants would be pro-Moscow.

Russia, Cuba and others wanted a single organization to be set up at once. Sources said China managed to get its way.