

# Sister's Speech Written by U.S., Castro Charges

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HAVANA, July 2 (AP)—The defection of Juanita Castro was a bitter pill to her brother Fidel, but the Cuban Prime Minister said today that is "the price of being a revolutionary."

Castro said Juanita's bitter denunciation of his regime, which she read Monday night on a Mexico City television program, was "written in the United States Embassy in Mexico City."

In Mexico City, an American Embassy spokesman promptly rejected the charge, saying: "The Embassy had nothing whatsoever to do with Miss Castro's statement. All we know about it is what we read in the newspapers."

Castro said if he had permitted the spoils of his regime to enrich his family, he would not have had the problem of Juanita's defection.

## Brings in U.S. Civil War

He then compared the defection to the division of American families during the Civil War and said: "While some of their members fought for the freedom of the slaves, others fought for slavery."

Castro broke two days of silence about Juanita when he met with newsmen at midnight Wednesday during a reception at the Canadian Embassy.

When one asked about Juanita, Castro said he had been expecting the question. He took out paper and pencil and the room was quiet while he put down some notes.

## Castro's Statement

Castro then read his statement and said there would be no further questions on the

subject. Afterward he chatted amiably with the aides who surrounded him and with others at the reception.

The statement:

"Those statements (by Juanita) were written in the United States Embassy in Mexico City. They include every infamy that the imperialists have created against the Cuban revolution.

"They did not have any scruples in resorting to low and repugnant procedures which go beyond the limits universally respected.

"If I would have been one of those rulers who make millionaires out of their relatives I would not have suffered this problem. This fact for me is personally very bitter. But I understand that this is the price of being a revolutionary.

"During the U.S. Civil War many families were divided. While some of their members fought for the freedom of the slaves, others fought for slavery.

"Many of Lincoln's close relatives fought beside the Southern slaving armies. His enemies hated him deeply and slandered him without pity and even murdered him.

"That did not take away from him the glory of being a liberator of the slaves and the greatest man in the history of the United States."

[In Washington, Lincoln experts reported that Lincoln had no direct relatives who fought against the North but his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, had several.

[David C. Mearns, Chief of the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress, said Mrs. Lincoln had a brother and three half-brothers in the Confederate Army. In addition,

W. Stoll E. Jlt, editor of the American Historical Review, reported that several of Mrs. Lincoln's brothers-in-law fought for the South.]

## Sister in Hiding

Miss Castro, 31, who fought alongside her brother in the overthrow of dictator Fulgenio Batista, charged Monday that Fidel had betrayed his revolution and turned the island of Cuba into an enormous prison.

She then went into hiding. The U.S. Embassy, Mexican government and Cuban exile organizations said they had had no contact with her.

Cuba's news media ignored Miss Castro's defection, but Cubans heard the news in broadcasts from Mexico and Florida.

While at the reception, Castro also spoke about reconnaissance flights over his island. "We are gradually acquiring the conditions and means of preventing illegal flights over Cuba," he reported.

He did not spell out what he meant. However, many observers have voiced the suspicion that Cubans are gradually gaining control of Soviet anti-aircraft missiles on the island.