

# Cuba Claims Better Morale From Red Cells in Army

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HAVANA—Cuba's military leaders claim they have instilled a higher fighting morale in their troops than that in capitalist armies, by planting Communist cells in all units.

In exercises, maneuvers and eventual warfare these party nuclei, through previous political education of the troops and current example, are des-

igned to form a morale spearhead to encourage soldiers in the fulfillment of their duty.

Since the first party cell was set up in a unit of Cuba's eastern army two years ago, the military authorities have claimed an immediate improvement in the combative capacity, morale and discipline of the soldiers.

Party nuclei have now been established throughout the

eastern and central armies, and the process is expected to be completed in the western army by the middle of 1966.

Maj. Jose Causse, head of the armed forces political direction and the man directly responsible for installing the party cells, said the party's principal role in the army was to instruct the soldiers in Marxist-Leninist doctrine and give them a general political education.

"Through political education classes," Causse declared, "we increase political awareness and our soldiers are every day more conscious of the objectives which the revolution is pursuing.

"They are educated in love for the fatherland and its glorious traditions, in devotion to the revolution, in faithfulness to the working class and the people, and in the spirit of hatred for imperialism and its system of exploitation and oppression.

"They thus know who the enemies of the people are and they know fully all the reasons why they must fight.

The party is formed in each unit by a complex procedure of election and selection in assemblies which elect "exemplary soldiers," discussing the qualities and defects, political, military and otherwise of each individual.

These "exemplary soldiers" are then interviewed by various commissions and in a "criticism and self-criticism session" are called upon to criticize themselves and each other.

Once formed, these nuclei organize lectures on any political topic, setting forth the official Communist line on the situation in Vietnam, the Congo or elsewhere.

In maneuvers and battles themselves, they will be entrusted with the most difficult and risky tasks, and will serve as an example for other soldiers to emulate.

"Thus," Maj. Causse summed up, "the party has become the driving force of all activities within the unit."