

Cuba Denies Red China's Charge

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HAVANA, Jan. 12 — Cuba firmly denied today a Chinese Communist assertion that public disclosures by Premier Castro on a cut in trade between the two countries were not in accordance with the facts.

The Cuban denial was in revolutionary government has

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from the Foreign Trade Ministry to a Chinese Trade Minister. It rejected point-by-point the Chinese version.

It declared: “The Cuban government has China’s reduction in its ex-

problem never making affirmations which are not strictly in accordance with the facts.”

Behind the latest shot in the trade dispute between the two countries lay a very real problem facing Cuba through China’s reduction in its ex-

ports of rice—the staple diet was “no possible immediate solution.”

Arnaud Going to Laos

PARIS, Jan. 12 (UPI) — Claude Arnaud will replace Pierre Millet as French Ambassador to Laos, the French Foreign Office announced today.