

Chiefs of Cuban Army Urged to Admit Errors

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HAVANA, Feb. 8—Armed Forces Minister Raul Castro has urged Cuban army chiefs to admit their mistakes, and said that whenever he makes one he tells his brother, Prime Minister Fidel Castro, who gives him guidance.

Raul's call for army chiefs

to renounce the "vain, negative and petty bourgeois" attitude of refusing to admit errors was made in a speech delivered Saturday but published today.

"If I hide a mistake from him (Fidel) and do not inform him of obstacles which we cannot overcome and I present him with an idyllic picture completely different from reality, I am deceiving myself, I am deceiving my immediate superior and with this vain attitude the only thing I achieve is to prevent the arrival in time of help of orientation from any type of body or superior leader," Raul said.

"And we have had in our ranks more than one failure of a leader in his work, although much of his work would have been highly successful if he had not had this negative, vain, and not to say petty bourgeois aspect."

Raul Castro also allayed fears of those soldiers who felt they were being overlooked because they were not members of the Communist Party.

"Above all," he continued, "when combative actions take place we are going to discover that there are a vast number of good people outside our Party . . . never must we underestimate those who are not members of the Party."