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# For My Part

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## SILENT REVOLT SABOTAGES CASTRO



A persistent, silent battle against Castro is being fought by individual "nameless" Cubans.

As one of them put it: "A man with just a little amount of intelligence and a good pair of pliers in his hands can do a lot of damage to the Communists."

He adds: "We have no steel tacks to spread on roads with which to puncture automobile tires, but we got hold of wire and are making tacks out of it."

"A man armed with a gun may get some Communists down, but, eventually, they'll get him, too . . . To protest about the Communist regime . . . is just to become pinpointed and prosecuted."

The better way, this man explains, is to make the Castroites think you are in accord with them. Don't protest. Accept their laws. Never show you hate them. Shout for Castro with the loudest. Then "when you are all by yourself, destroy everything you can get your hands on."

"Several friends of mine and I have already announced our intention of going to Havana for the great (Castro - Communist) meeting," he says. "But really what we are going to do is to meet with some friends from Artemisa, who are also anti -

Communists."

Some of these saboteurs are Castro militiamen, postal workers, government officials, bus drivers, farmers, factory workers, army officers.

SOME SET THEMSELVES a quota of one small act of sabotage once a week.

A bus driver says he uses an ordinary razor blade, hidden in his pocket, to cut the upholstery in bus seats. They're difficult to mend and replacement material is scarce.

A farmer says: "Anyone living near a sugar cane field may set it on fire with a wax candle. Take the candle, light it, stick it in the soil and walk away. As soon as the candle melts, the dry leaves will catch fire and spread it to the sugar cane field."

Castro depends on "volunteer" workers to cut large amounts of his sugar crop. Expert sugar cane workers instruct the amateurs on how best to damage the sugar. Volunteers are told to press hard with their thumbs when planting. A bruise does irreparable damage. In cutting sugar cane at harvest time, these experts say, let the tops of the cut plants fall on top of the shoots. Then, in gathering up the cane, pick up rocks with

the cane.

The experts have found phosphorus better than matches for starting fires in cane and tobacco storage houses. These fires are difficult to stop.

AMATEUR SABOTEURS in factories and government offices work slowly, make mistakes, throw in extra bureaucratic red tape while acting cheerfully cooperative.

Some men specialize in pouring sugar into tractor, bus and auto tanks. Others do little things. They leave water and electricity on to waste them. They leave their phones off the hooks. Since bottles are scarce, they destroy all bottles and glass containers they come across.

Some regularly pull down electric lines in isolated locations. A length of rope thrown over the wire will do the trick.

Some farmers have agreed to "consume as much as possible" while producing as little as they can.

These acts of themselves will not destroy Castro or his regime. They won't prevent Castro from adventuring elsewhere in Latin America. But they may slow him down. Never underestimate what such determined men can eventually achieve.