

# Cuban Communists Form Central Unit; Guevara Not Named

HAVANA, Oct. 2 (UPI) — Cuba's Communist Party announced a new 104-man Central Committee today that omitted any mention of Ernesto Che Guevara, raising speculation that he had been purged from the Party.

Guevara, one of the architects of the Cuban revolution, has not been seen for six months.

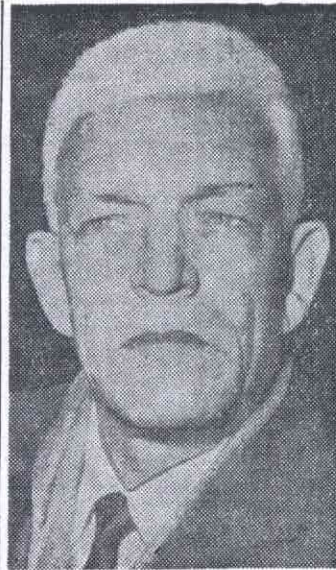
Several persons with far less prestige than Guevara were among members of the new Central Committee. But it was pointed out that two of three Ministers who worked under Guevara were omitted — Arturo Guzman, former acting Industry Minister, and Lt. Orlando Borrego, the Sugar Industry Minister.

One of the rumors concerning Guevara was that he had left Cuba permanently. But his actual fate will not be known until Premier Fidel Castro makes a promised announcement at the ceremony at which today's members take over their posts. Radio Havana announced that Castro will speak Sunday night.

The new Central Committee was formed at a meeting yesterday of Castro's Party, formally called the United Party of the Socialist Revolution and the only party in Cuba. The announcement came today in the morning newspapers.

The Party also set up a Political Bureau of eight persons, none of them of the so-called 30-year members of the old Cuban Communist Party. The members were Castro, his brother Raul, President Osvaldo Dorticos; Armed Forces Vice Minister Maj. Juan Almeida; Interior Minister Ramiro Valdes; Education Minister Armando Hart; Armed Forces Vice Minister Guillermo Garcia and Maj. Sergio del Valle, chief of the general staff.

The Party named a secretariat formed by Castro, Raul Castro, Dorticos; Blas Roca, founding member of the Cuban Communist Party and former Secretary General; Transport Minister Maj. Faure Chomon and Minister Without



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Hart, the Education Minister, was named secretary of organization, a post similar to that held by Anibal Escalante when the old national directorate was formed March 9, 1962. Escalante was purged last year and went to Europe. Five auxiliary commissions governmental commissions were named.

The Central Committee list included five women, among them Raul's wife Wilma Espin, as well as 49 majors, 8 captains, 1 lieutenant and 17 civilians.