

# Cuba to Reply 'Shot for Shot' At Guantanamo

SANTIAGO, Cuba, July 28 (AP).—Fidel Castro launched a new attack at the United States last night, declaring that Cuba will "answer shot for shot" if "another man is murdered" by United States Marines at the Guantanamo Naval Base.

The Cuban Prime Minister held a 3½-hour news conference for 33 American newsmen visiting Cuba at his invitation and 40 other foreign newsmen who came to Santiago for the celebration of his 26th of July Revolutionary Movement.

Mr. Castro again rejected the United States denial of his charge that United States Marines killed a Cuban sentry at the Guantanamo border two weeks ago.

"What is important is that we believe and know that this happened. And the Soviet Union also knows it," Mr. Castro said.

## Not Looking for War

"If another of our men is murdered, we will not have another alternative but to answer shot for shot independently of what the American Government believes or not.

"The Soviet Union knows if we are forced to take measures we would not be looking for war."

Mr. Castro made clear that he would not give up his ties with the Soviet Union to improve relations with the United States.

"Cuba wants to have the same kind of relations with the United States that the United States wants to have with the Soviet Union," he said.

"The United States tries to maintain a cold war with us and at the same time wants to improve relations with the Soviet Union.

"That objective will not be accomplished. Cuba will not tolerate being separated from the Socialist bloc."

## Has No Resentment

Mr. Castro dwelt at length,

however, on the chance of improving relations with the United States.

"We have no resentment against the American people," he said. "It would be stupidity not to be willing to discuss our differences.

"If there is willingness, a way will be found. We want to discuss, but are not in any hurry, and we are prepared not to have diplomatic and commercial relations with the United States for the next 20 years."

Commenting on the United States political scene, Mr. Castro said "both past Republican and current Democratic administrations have been bad for us," and the choice between President Johnson and Senator Barry Goldwater will be between "bad and worse."

## Juanita Gets Asylum

In Mexico, Juanita Castro, the Cuban Prime Minister's 31-year-old sister who defected last month, asked last night for political asylum. She was assured she would be allowed to stay in Mexico. Miss Castro has charged that Fidel abandoned the aims of his revolution and turned Cuba over to Communism.

In Ottawa, Canadian Foreign Secretary Paul Martin told the House of Commons his government will continue trade and diplomatic relations with Cuba but will maintain a ban on export of arms and strategic goods.

Mr. Martin said Canada has received no formal notification of the commercial and diplomatic sanctions voted against Cuba Sunday by the Organization of American States. There has been talk of Canada joining the OAS.