

# Castro Seeks Russia's Help, Not Domination

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Fidel Castro, badgered by internal political and economic problems, has issued a message of defiance to Moscow: Help us but don't try to dominate us; don't try to prevent us from taking risks to foment revolution in Latin America.

Castro wants more Soviet arms and wants to be the sole judge of what to do with those arms, his words indicate. His tone suggests he is running into an argument in Moscow.

A copy of the new paper Granma, "organ of the Central Committee of the Communist party of Cuba," has reached this country with the text of a Castro speech to the committee. This was the speech in which he paid tearful tribute to Ernesto Guevara, his long-time guerrilla war expert.

Generally overlooked was Castro's florid peroration, obviously directed to Moscow, where at this moment Maj. Raul Castro, Fidel's brother, supposedly is seeking more arms from Defense Minister Rodion Y. Malinovsky.

The passage suggests that Moscow has twisted Castro's arm. It indicates Moscow wants no more risks of nuclear showdown occasioned by Castro adventuring — that Moscow wants to call the shots in Latin America on Communist-inspired revolution.

Castro, though begging help, still objects strenuously. He wants to run the Latin-American revolution — and his own Cuban revolution — in his own way.

He wants Red revolution without Moscow dictation, but with Moscow support.

Here's how Castro put it:

"We know quite well where the enemy is. In order to defeat the aggressive policy of that enemy, to continue to oppose it, we need the resources and weapons, because here, thousands of miles away from any other Socialist country, thousands of miles away without being able to depend on anything other than our own forces and our own weapons, we are aware of the risks we are run-

ning today and will continue to run. We must be armed to the teeth and totally prepared."

That is the challenge to the Soviet Union. Castro wants more arms if he is to carry the revolutionary banner in Latin America. But he wants arms without strings. Let the rest of the Communist world quarrel, but let him go his own way.

"We can disagree with any party on any point," said Castro. He added that he refused to view communism as a church "with its Rome and its Ecumenical Council." Castro announced he will develop his own revolutionary program. And he will continue to be friendly to both sides in the Soviet-Chinese dispute.

"What we will never do," he said, "is to insult with one hand and ask with another, and we will know how to maintain any disagreement within the norms of decency, with any party. We will know how to be friends with those who know how to be friends. We will know how to respect those who respect us. We will never ask anyone's permission to do anything. We will never ask anyone for permission to go anywhere. We will never ask permission of anyone to be the friends of any party or any country.

"We aspire to a Communist society, but also to a Communist world in which all nations will have equal rights. We aspire to a Communist world in which no nation will have the right to veto."

Castro obviously has been annoyed by the Russians, who took

away his missile bases in the terrifying showdown between Nikita S. Khrushchev and the late President John F. Kennedy. Moscow apparently has drawn the reins on his schemes, fearful of new showdowns. Perhaps the Russians even had a hand in stifling Castro ambitions in the Dominican Republic.

It is clear, at any rate, that the Russians, who spend almost half a billion dollars annually to sustain Castro's defense and economy, have pressed him to bring some order out of his revolution. One result has been turning over the direction of the country to a 100-man party directorate in Cuba.

Castro was highly emotional in his address. He read an alleged letter from Guevara resigning citizenship and all posts in Cuba. It read almost like a self-written obituary. There is a strong suspicion that, prodded by the Russians, Castro had to clash with Guevara on theoretical problems of revolution in Latin America. At any rate, Guevara is gone, and Castro, still needing help, has nowhere to look but Moscow.

That seems to be what annoys him most.