

Cubans Back Guevara Call For More Latin 'Vietnams'

Reuters

HAVANA, April 19—Cuban Premier Castro said tonight that vanished revolutionary leader Che Guevara is "in a magnificent state of health and more experienced than ever in the revolutionary struggle."

But Castro, addressing a rally to commemorate the sixth anniversary of the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba, did not say where Guevara is, and seemed to enjoy thickening the mystery surrounding him.

An outdoor rally here tonight was the highpoint of celebrations marking the defeat of 1500 U.S.-backed Cuban exiles who

landed on Cuba's southern coast in 1961.

Speaking at a Havana theater, Castro called the recent conference of Latin American heads of state at Punta del Este, Uruguay—which President Johnson attended—a failure. He said the only road for Latin Americans is the road of revolution.

Guevara has not appeared publicly in two rumor-filled years. Photographs of him appeared in newspapers here Sunday and Monday.

The Argentine-born revolutionary, one of the handful who planned and launched the Cuban revolution with Castro, served as Cuban Industries Min-

ister before he vanished from view.

The new photographs were accompanied by a message from Guevara calling for "two or three Vietnams" in the Western Hemisphere.

The celebrations to mark the anniversary of the Bay of Pigs victory were launched this morning with infantrymen of Castro's army marching along the marshy beaches where the invasion force was defeated after 72 hours fighting.

Cuba Chides France In Somaliland Issue

MIAMI, April 19 (AP)—Havana Radio has broadcast

a statement in which the Cuba based Solidarity Organization for Africa, Asia and Latin America chided France on the issue of French Somaliland's independence.

"This organization firmly supports the struggle of Somalia's popular party movement," said the broadcast monitored in Miami.