

Cuba: Focus of Red Subversion

The Plot Thickens in Havana

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MIAMI, May 17 — A massive drive is under way in communist Cuba to unite isolated guerrilla forces in Latin America to a solid subversive bloc, capable of spreading co-ordinated violence throuth the hemisphere.

Already supporting guerilla actions in Bolivia, Colombia, Venezuela and Guatemala, the Cuban regime plans to strengthen its revolutionaly muscle when Latin American communists and extreme leftists meet July 28 in Havana to map strategy for increased subversion.

As a result, everybody lost. But that's an old story at FHA.

Revolutionaries from 27 countries and territories in the hemisphere are expected to attend the nine-day meeting, first conference of the Latin American Solidarity Organization.

POWERFUL GROUP

The OLAS is the Latin American arm of the communist-sponsored Tricontinental Conference held in Havana in January 1966. It later was described by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee as "probably the most powerful gathering of pro-communist and anti-American forces in the history of the western hemisphere."

OLAS has chosen as its theme for the July conference this slogan: "The duty of every revolutionary is to make revolution."

This matches the increasingly militant tone of Fidel Castro and statements attributed to his former comrade-in-arms Ernesto (Che) Guevara, the mysterious Argentine-born revolutionary who has been missing the last two years.

PROPAGANDA

Coinciding with preparations for the July assembly, Cuba has increased its propaganda broadcasts to Latin America and the rest of the world.

Radio Havana is broadcasting more than 577 hours weekly to Latin America, Africa, Europe, the Mediterranean area, the U. S. and Canada, with programs in Spanish, English, French, Portuguese, Arabic, Creole (for Haiti), Guarani (for Paraguay) and Quechua, the Indian language of the Andean highlands in Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru.

Some Cuban observers here believe the Castro regime will use the conference in an attempt to impose its control over all the extreme left in Latin America, and possibly even to dictate the Latin policy of the Soviet bloc.

In recent months Castro has been at odds publicly with the Soviets over policy in Latin



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America. He has advocated armed struggle while the Soviets have embarked upon a dove-like campaign for increased peaceful diplomatic and trade relations.

KEY SURVEY

Also of special interest in conference preparations is an extensive political, economic and sociological survey of Latin America being conducted from Havana. Some suspect this may

be a prelude to establishment of Havana as a communist intelligence center for Latin America.

Details of the questionnaire, a copy of which has turned up in Miami, suggest the scope of information sought by the Cubans goes far beyond anything done previously in Latin America. Its purpose, according to the official Cuban newspaper Granma, is to "establish a base for appropriate common revolutionary strategy."

Alrady the OLAS and the Castro regime have singled out the guerilla movements in Bolivia, Colombia, Venezuela and Guatemala as "offering the highest expression of solidarity with the struggle of the Vietnamese people."

Testifying recently before the House Foreign Affairs Committee in Washington, Gen. Robert W. Porter Jr., commander of the U. S. Armed Forces Southern Command, warned that "one of Fidel Castro's objectives will be to assist the Viet Cong by diverting U. S. attention and resources from Vietnam to other critical areas."

NEXT: Soviet still pumps millions into Cuba.