

Castro Offers Prisoners for Che's Remains

HAVANA (AP) — Prime Minister Fidel Castro said last night he will free 100 "ring-leader" political prisoners if Bolivia hands over the remains of slain guerrilla leader Ernesto Che Guevara. But he apparently won't exchange prisoners for French writer Regis Debray.

Debray is serving a 30-year term in a Bolivian prison on charges of helping a Castroite guerrilla band led by Guevara. Bolivian President Rene Barrientos has suggested Bolivia might consider exchanging him for Huber Matos, a former revolutionary who broke with Castro and has been a prisoner in Cuba since 1959.

CASTRO SET FORTH his terms for an exchange last night in a two-hour speech in which he described the United States as "a truly universal enemy whose attitude threatens the entire world" and whose "policy reminds us today of the policy of Hitler, the acts of barbarism of Nazism."

The speech, among Castro's most strongly anti-American pronouncements, closed the nine-day Havana cultural congress of more than 400 leftist intellectuals from 70 countries.

A former comrade-in-arms of Castro, Guevara was slain by Bolivian soldiers in October. Officials said the body was cremated. Castro said Cuba's enemies fear Guevara "more dead than alive."

IF BARRIENTOS wants Cuban prisoners freed, Castro said, "We say to him: Produce the remains of Maj. Gue-

vara and we will free them immediately."

Castro said the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency or the Pentagon could select the Cuban prisoners to be freed. He made no mention of Matos.

As for Debray, the prime minister said he was "sure Debray would never accept such an exchange." He praised the writer's attitude.

In describing the U. S. as the "most barbarous aggressors in history," Castro said he referred primarily to "that act of genocide that Yankee imperialism is committing" in Vietnam.

HE ALSO mentioned U. S. policy elsewhere in Asia, Africa and Latin America and charged: "There is not a single infamous cause in the world that imperialism does not support, as there is not a single just cause that imperialism does not combat."

"The economy of Europe is governed by the United States" and this has caused Cuba difficulty buying goods, Castro said. He said a North American company recently bought the European factory that supplied Cuba with trucks several years ago and cut off Cuba's supply. He did not identify the factory.

The cultural delegates acclaimed a general declaration saying the only true revolutionary intellectual is one who "shares in combat duties," with Guevara being "the supreme example."

THE CONGRESS also declared a boycott of financial and cultural aid from the U.S. government or private institutions that support U.S. policy. They declared militant solidarity with Vietnamese Communists, American Negroes and American youths who refuse military service in Vietnam.

Differences of opinion flared briefly after Greek delegate Kostas Axelos said "freedom of expression" at the meeting could be better respected if it were pointed out that the general declaration was a majority opinion but not the opinion of all the delegates.