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Apostles Of Defeatism

At possibly the most critical time in our nation's history 41 Harvard professors have joined several others from Boston University, MIT, and Brandeis in urging President Kennedy to pursue a course in Cuba which almost certainly would cause a chain reaction resulting in the eventual triumph of communism in all of Latin America.

Nearly all Americans were discouraged by the abortive invasion of Castroland by Cuban exiles. But the New England professors who have urged the President to "give no further support to the invasion of Cuba by exile groups" betray the fact that they never were in sympathy with the invasion of Cuba in the first place.

No one denies that the CIA "blundered in an inexcusable and almost inconceivable way" in Cuba, but from that premise it does not follow that "any further effort to destroy Castro would serve only to intensify terror within Cuba."

BUT THE PROFESSORS SHOW THEIR TRUE COLORS WHEN THEY RECOMMEND THAT THE UNITED STATES RESUME "TRADE RELATIONS" AND A "DIPLOMATIC ENTENTE" WITH CASTRO AS A MEANS OF SEVERING HIS COMMUNIST CONNECTIONS! COMPARE THEIR STATEMENT WITH CASTRO'S SUBSEQUENT BLAST AT PRES-

IDENT KENNEDY: "THE IMPERIALISTS ARE ORGANIZING THE THIRD WORLD WAR, WITH THE STUPID DREAM THAT HITLER ONCE HAD OF EXTERMINATING THE INVINCIBLE SOVIET UNION AND SOCIALISM, WHICH IS ADVANCING IN UNSTOPPABLE FORM FROM VICTORY TO VICTORY."

One can only wonder how many of the New England professors who signed the statement subscribe to the muddled thinking of Luigi Einaudi, a teaching fellow at Harvard, who said the Cuban revolution has "never been given a chance." (Einaudi did not sign the petition but he said his opinions are widely held at Harvard).

The New England professors apparently even oppose military intervention in Cuba through the Organization of American States, for the only positive recommendation in their petition is a subtle pitch for more economic aid to Latin America. Completely lacking in imagination, today's "liberals" seem to believe that the only way to halt the tide of communism is to spend more money for foreign aid. Are these people that bankrupt of new ideas that they must revert to old worn-out cliches and slogans which have long since proven to be no answer to the dynamic nature of communism?