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1. The Cuban publications, Mediodia, Mella, and Vanguardia, circulate principally among the rank and file members of the Partido Socialista Popular (PSP--Cuban Communist Party) whose daily business brings them into constant contact with the internal political problems of the PSP. In order to reach the fellow-traveling and non-communist audiences, PSP leaders seek and encourage other media.
2. The Federacion Democratica de Mujeres Cubanas publication, Mujeres Cubanas, is one of the most recent Communist propaganda channels. This monthly magazine's first issue appeared in August 1950, listing as Director, Edith Garcia Buchaca, wife of Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, and as Administrator, the FDMC office head, Hortensia Gomez. Other women, prominent in the magazine's administration, are: Sarah Pascual, wife of Higinio Ordoqui; Francisca Colas, wife of Anibal Escalante; Nila Ortega, wife of Tomas Ramirez, Communist leader in Habana; Felicia Martin, also known as Nelita Martin, a former Hoy reporter who covered the Ministries of Justice and Health; and Maria Arguelles, a Negro woman who is responsible for the Communist women in the Habana province.
3. Mujeres Cubanas has its headquarters above a cafe located at Industria #452, where Communist meetings, particularly among elements of the textile trade, are held. In an attempt to avoid detection, this location is disguised as a night school, and is advertised as such. There actually is a school there but it occupies only a small space on the second floor in the back of the premises. The magazine is printed by the print shop at Calle Juan Abreu #514, Luyano.
4. The PSP has recently purchased the newspaper, La Correspondencia, in Cienfuegos, Las Villas Province, and is making use of it to disseminate Communist propaganda and slanted Korean war news. The PSP National Executive Committee reportedly was urged by Carlos Rafael Rodriguez to purchase bankrupt Cuban newspapers to compensate for the loss of Hoy's services.

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5. The distribution of Mediodia is done in a semi-covert manner by former distributors of Hoy and propaganda secretaries of neighborhood committees. Mediodia is reported to receive approximately \$10,000.00 per month from PSP leaders, which presumably comes from prepaid Hoy subscriptions. Vanguardia is sold on Saturday nights, in the public parks, by members of the PSP.
6. Mella, sold principally by members of the Juventud Socialista, is the official organ of that youth group, and is published every fifteen days. Since Hoy's suspension, Mella has received increased attention. It was reported that a group of PSP members, headed by Blas Roca, had taken Mella over with the intention of extracting it from its former financial difficulties.
7. Sympathetic fellow-travelers in the radio broadcasting field can be considered as a propaganda medium for the Communist Party. Dr. Evilio Telleria, Union Radio's labor reporter, is probably the only radio reporter whose program commented on the Communist CTC (Confederacion de Trabajadores de Cuba). A Habana port workers' demonstration on October 17 in honor of the death of the Communist martyr, Aracelio Iglesias, received the sympathy of Telleria as well as a large part of his program time. Telleria was also the only radio reporter who mentioned the Communist Conferencia en Defensa de la Economia held on September 31.
8. Cuba en Llamas, a program of radio station COCO can also be considered a medium for the Communists. The director of this program is Rafael Enrique Marrero, a PSP affiliate, and a former reporter on Mil Diez. The program, Divulgacion Economia, originating in Holguin, Oriente Province, has recently been discontinued. Oscar Ortiz, PSP chief in Holguin, and present City Councilor, is director of the Holguin station.
9. [REDACTED] July 1950 that a new "women's" magazine, backed by the PDMC, was to be published during that month. [REDACTED] further that the new magazine would also be a "peace" magazine for the Communists in this hemisphere, as well as being a "women's" publication. However, its title indicates a much more provincial than hemispheric flavor and unless the title is changed, it is difficult to believe that the magazine is intended at this time for a hemispheric audience.

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