

TO THE PEOPLE OF CUBA AND THE PEOPLES OF AMERICA

WHY WE ARE FLINGING OURSELVES TO THE STRUGGLE

The cataclysm which affects the fatherland to its very foundations is produced by the total disappearance of the rights inherent to the human person, by the subversion of the democratic institutions in our country and by the surrender of the country to a foreign power which, in its desire for domination, enslaves peoples and shames humanity.

The judicial power, supreme guarantee of the rights of the people and the seat of liberty, finds itself in forced and indefinite recess, its members having to endure the worst insults and constant threat of its final disintegration. As a result, the citizens find themselves sunk in the most absolute defenselessness before the abuses of authority.

On the other hand, the absolute control of the news media permits the dictatorship to hurl anathemas and insults against the person who differs with the tyrant, without the remotest possibility of defending himself from infamy and dishonor.

The Cubans live the tragedy of seeing themselves treated as slaves in a country which has had to sacrifice thousands and thousands of its best sons to make worth the full dignity of man.

All the schools, from the primary schools to those on the university level have been converted into centers of communist indoctrination in which must be learned how to hate, in which it is attempted to destroy the religious faith of the greatest majority.

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The Constitution of 1940, which was freely given to our people in an act of sovereignty, has been converted to unenforced law, and constitutional power resides today in the will of only one man on whose whim rests the modification of its precepts or simply the ignoring of its norms, the drawing up of laws of plunder or the annulment of judicial decisions.

All the powers of the state being concentrated in his hands, the ridiculing of justice, liberty abolished, the country delivered bleeding to the voracity of Russia and the leaders dedicated to the preaching of hate and extermination, there remains no other road for the Cubans but to reply to the war declared against our generous and valiant people with the necessary and just war which Marti ordered for the reconquest of the right to life and to live with honor and liberty, to achieve once again national independence, to demonstrate to the world the great pride of being legitimate descendants of the founders of the country, to comply with the indeclinable duty of confronting the usurpers of justice and liberty.

## 2. WHAT DO WE PLAN FOR THE COUNTRY AND WHAT DO WE OFFER FOR THE HOUR OF VICTORY

In the first place, we ratify our irrevocable decision of assuring all Cubans of the full exercise of their citizen's rights in an atmosphere of harmony and consent.

Castroism has attempted to subject reason to the force of arms and to domination by mobs made fanatical by the most insolent demagogue known in America. With the threat of prison or death and the hysterical

shouts of "pardon", he has tried to enslave the people, frightening the weak of spirit, and has committed the greatest of depredations and abuses. We say that we are going to launch this war so that for once and for all will disappear the injustices, hate between brothers, inequality before the law, threats by the governing against the governed; so that never again will the infamous pardon function in our country, so that only ordinary courts of justice will sanction anti-judicial actions.

Castroism speaks of social changes which have not been produced because the substitution of free enterprise by state capitalism is not a change in the sense of its benefiting the people.

We affirm that general well-being cannot be achieved, much less consolidated, in an atmosphere of hate between brothers and of constant threat. The only revolutions that have made the world progress are the ones that have preached love and good will among men. Ours is one of these because we believe, in addition, that as long as national reconciliation does not occur, the country will not be able to develop its riches.

To the workers of the cities we ask that they incorporate themselves into the struggle which will return to them syndical democracy and will assure them of the reconquest of their right to make proposals and the right that their most deep-felt demands be resolved in justice after so long a period in which they have seen their demands postponed.

We call on the peasants to immediately establish an agrarian system which will facilitate to them the acquisition, in full ownership, of the lands they have been working. To them we say that they will not be paid again with promissory notes which are prohibited by our constitution,

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that they will be provided with long term credit and low interest for adequate financing, that they will have available all effective means for guaranteeing a minimum price for their crops, promoting the creation of cooperatives based on the free decision of their members. That the lie about fictitious titles will be substituted with the truth regarding their claims, the truth that their sons and the sons of their sons will be able to enjoy the wealth obtained with their fertile labor.

To the parents and teachers, that the schools will again become centers of studies, temples of citizen's morality and forges of free men. To the professors and students, that the universities will recuperate their autonomy and academic freedom.

To the members of the Rebel Army, of the nation's navy and of the police, that the guardians of freedom will be fundamentally enriched with their colleagues of yesteryear, that all those who contribute to the overthrow of the communist tyranny will be returned to their positions and that those who deserve it, because of their heroism in the struggle, will be promoted. We will organize technical armed forces at the service of the republic and to which will be able to belong all Cubans of yesterday and today having a vocation for the military, as long as they can demonstrate unblemished conduct.

To the militia members, that unjust persecution will not be tolerated for having only belonged to that political army and that its members who are not accountable for crimes can incorporate themselves back into the work they were previously performing and can exercise all their civil rights.

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To those who have been dispossessed unjustly, that their property will be returned.

To all Cubans, that once victory is achieved over the forces of the aml (sic), the Constitution of 1940 will be fully re-established with the exclusive exception of those precepts which will be impossible to apply by nature of the provisionality (of the government).

We will hold general elections within an unextendable period of 18 months after the overthrow of the tyranny.

We will advance an active policy of reconstruction of our economy and of industrial, agricultural, mineral and tourist development in order to achieve full employment and the elevation of the standard of living of our people. We will stimulate private capital investments, national and foreign, and we will give guarantees to free initiative and private property in its extensive concept of a social function.

We assure the most absolute respect for the independence of the judicial power, to whose decisions the governing and the governed must submit themselves.

And, we will fight without rest until the vicious practice of political crime as a means for achieving power or for maintaining oneself in power disappears from our country.

#### MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLES OF AMERICA

Castroism aspires to extend the limits of its empire to all sister nations. The communists, whose metropolis is Moscow, direct their most forceful efforts to the weakening of the inter-American system which up until today has been an insurmountable barrier to their insane ambitions for power. We know that the pernicious policy of exporting revolution from our subjected country is doomed to failure because only an

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ignoramus or megalomaniac can be unaware that our America has been and is an inexhaustible source of true revolutionaries in the endless struggle for progress and well-being of all our peoples within a democratic representative system.

To them we say that our war is for casting out the foreign hordes from the land that saw Jose Marti born and saw him die. Cuba, our beloved and tormented country, is today a Soviet colony subjected in the totalitarian manner of the countries of Europe and Asia that have fallen under its claws.

This bitter experience suffered by one's own flesh permits us to reclaim with all vehemence the moral and material support of sister nations, free of tyranny, to expulse the invaders from Cuba not only as an act of hemispheric solidarity, but also in prevention of future attacks against other nations of the continent. Without that decided, frontal and vigorous support, our final victory truly certain and inevitable would not eliminate the danger that other sister nations may suffer the horrors and crimes which Cubans suffer today.

#### FINAL INVOCATION

Cubans: The fatherland is occupied by a foreign army in which those who betrayed the revolution serve. It is a mandate of the liberators to cast out the tyrant from our soil. They stated that to live in chains was to live in subjected disgrace and shame. And, they possessed the anger and the determination to give us this country which we must reconstruct.

TO ARMS, CUBANS, AS IT IS NECESSARY TO DEFEAT IN ORDER NOT TO DIE  
ASPHYSIATED IN SLAVERY!

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Invoking God's favor, we assure everyone that with victory they will have peace, human solidarity, well-being for all and absolute respect for the dignity of Cubans, without exception. Duty calls us to the war against the executioners of our brothers. Cubans, let us fulfill our duty.

(signed) Jose Miro Cardona

President