

E. Cuba likely to become an aggressive champion of democracy in hemisphere.

1. Urrutia has already condemned dictatorships in Dominican Republic (where Batista took refuge), Nicaragua, and Paraguay.

2. Intercepted message of 4 January from Havana to Miami instructing former gunrunners for rebels to stop shipments to Cuba states: "Cuba does not need arms, but there are still dictatorships in America."

III. New govt faces difficulty in restoring stability.

A. A rift between rebel groups delayed Urrutia's establishment in palace on 5 January.

1. Revolutionary Directorate, a student group which had been fighting in Las Villas province had apparently used its temporary occupation of the palace in an attempt to extract concessions from ~~the~~ dominant 26 of July Movement in organization of new govt.

B. Most leaders of 26 of July Movement are politically inexperienced and some, including Fidel's younger brother Raul, appear irresponsible.

C. Difficulties will be added to by old-line politicians such as ex-President Frio.

D. Military appears to have ~~been~~ virtually totally surrendered, but many responsible professional officers are likely to resent control by young rebel leaders and in long run 26 of July Movement may have difficulty controlling military.

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IV. Communists actively trying to exploit situation.

A. The 8,000-12,000 member Popular Socialist (Communist) Party (PSP), outlawed by Batista in 1953, has strongly supported rebel movement in public statements.

1. Its numerous attempts to join rebels in united front were apparently rebuffed.

2. Communists are believed, however, to have infiltrated some rebel units on a low level.

3. Anti-US sentiments of some rebel leaders may be exploited by Comies.

B. In current fervor for democracy, PSP may be re-legalized.

1. However, strong anti-Communist convictions of Urrutia and some other members of new govt apparatus may counter-balance.

III.

B. Batista's return to the Dominican Republic puts him in a favorable ^{eventually} position ~~to stage a comeback, another~~ with the aid of dictator Trujillo.

II. Thus far, only a few indications as to new gov't's policies. New regime is a product of a truly popular revolution participated in by lower classes and ~~the~~ may have implications ~~is~~ concerning on Cuba's social order.

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Files of Central Intelligence Bureau for Repression of Communist Activities,

South to the ... 26 July ...

at first published by Col. ... against several Communist attempts to seize

... P. ...

then, have now been taken by ... ~~...~~ to the fact

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... British ^{very} strong because of UK supplying tanks and
selling

... Batista late last summer (some arrived as late as December). Castro

said at time of arms deal that his government would boycott all British goods.

A Castro followers have demonstrated in front
of the British embassy ~~with ...~~ since
taking over Havana.