

LATIN AMERICA

14. Cuba Postpones Underdeveloped Nations Conference Indefinitely: Foreign Minister Raul Roa announced on 27 July the indefinite postponement of the Conference of Underdeveloped Nations of Asia, Africa, and Latin America which Cuba had hoped to convene in Havana next September. He blamed the "recent revival of the cold war," but the real reason for abandoning the conference, a major objective of recent Cuban foreign policy, was lack of official interest outside Cuba. The rapid development of Cuban ties with the Sino-Soviet bloc since the project was proposed last December makes a Cuban-sponsored conference increasingly unattractive to many of the governments Cuba had approached earlier this year.

Roa's clarification of President Dorticos' statement on 2 June, also indicating that the conference would not be held, was apparently necessitated by recent inquiries by Afro-Asian countries. A Ceylonese Foreign Ministry official indicated on 4 July that his government might be influenced to send delegates if India does.

The Castro regime continues to seek support from the Afro-Asian bloc, and the Cuban delegation at the next UN General Assembly is likely to seek to identify itself with the spokesmen of "neutralism." Raul Castro is now on a "good-will" visit in Cairo with a large entourage. Press reports from Cairo state that President Nasir is to visit Cuba next March, and that the UAR has decided to ship benzine to Cuba to help that country "face imperialist plots."



15. Further Reports on Cuban Negotiations With Argentine Peronistas: A fairly reliable and well-connected Cuban Government employee stated on 18 July that various Cuban officials have been in contact with former Argentine Peronista leaders in Havana for the purpose of promoting a new revolution in Argentina. Cubans he specifically mentioned were Argentine-born "Che" Guevara, Cuba's economic tsar; Jose Pardo Llada, prominent and vitriolic news commentator; and unidentified officials of Prensa Latina, the Cuban Government news agency. The source commented that these plans



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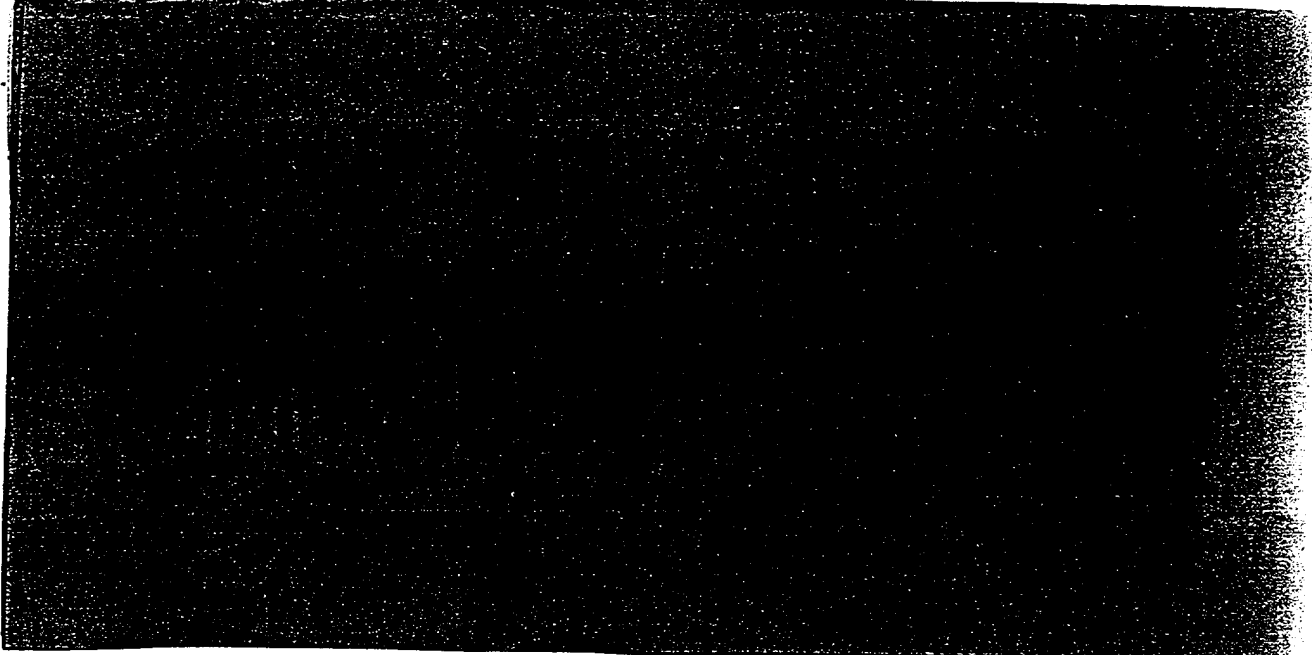
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have been approved by international Communist leaders. He said the Cuban Government "unofficially" will send US dollars and old arms now stored in Cuba to revolutionary groups in Argentina. Other sources have reported negotiations for an "alliance" between the Cuban Government and leftist Peronistas, although Peron and some of the other Peronistas involved have denied such reports.

Pardo Llada reportedly visited Peron in Spain last spring and again flew to Madrid on 22 July en route to the UAR, according to the American Embassy in Havana. There was a meeting of Peronistas with Peron in Madrid last spring, which Pardo Llada could have attended. Pardo Llada devoted his whole radio program on 15 July to praising Peron and suggesting that the Cuban Government explore the desirability of establishing contact with Peron.

The Argentine Government, deeply concerned over such reports, charged on 22 July that it had found subversive material in a pouch addressed to the Cuban Embassy [REDACTED]

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Peruvian Chief of Staff May Request Ouster of Cuban Ambassador: Gen. Alejandro Cuadra, Peruvian chief of staff, informed the US Embassy on 26 July that he plans to ask President Prado to declare Cuban Ambassador Luis Ricardo Alonso persona non grata because of his activities in fomenting

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student and extreme leftist demonstrations. Two small pro-Cuban, anti-US demonstrations have been held since 20 July, and more are expected in the next few days to coincide with Peru's national independence celebrations.

Peruvian military and government officials have become increasingly alarmed about Alonso's thinly veiled support of antigovernment leftist and pro-Communist elements, particularly among student and labor groups. Concerned also about belligerent Soviet statements regarding Cuba and about rising tension in the Caribbean area, the Peruvian Government on 16 July sponsored a resolution in the Organization of American States calling for a meeting of American foreign ministers to consider the problem.

Leaders of the influential leftist but anti-Communist APRA party, which has been a major target of Cuban subversion, have privately expressed opposition to the Castro regime and Cuban activities in Peru but have not declared their position publicly. Leaders of APRA and other Latin American liberal parties, such as Venezuela's Democratic Action party, are reported by an untested source with close contacts in Costa Rican diplomatic circles to be planning a meeting at Lima in early August to discuss "hemisphere problems," possibly including Cuba.

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