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Cuba: The Cuban Government is likely to seize the three refineries owned by US companies in Cuba when these firms announce, as they presently plan, their refusal to comply with the formal Cuban order to process Soviet crude. The US Embassy in Havana believes the Cuban Government may seek Soviet assistance in providing technicians to replace displaced US citizens. Soviet petroleum experts may already be among the numerous technicians who have recently arrived in Cuba to help implement the Soviet-Cuban trade and credit agreements signed in February.

Cuba: The cancellation of the Conference of Underdeveloped Nations which the Castro regime had assiduously promoted since last December is, in effect, Havana's public acknowledgment of the paucity of official support in Latin America and the Afro-Asian bloc for Castro's sponsorship of such a meeting. In announcing the cancellation in Brazil on 2 June, Cuban President Dorticos said there would be "consultations among several countries" instead.

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