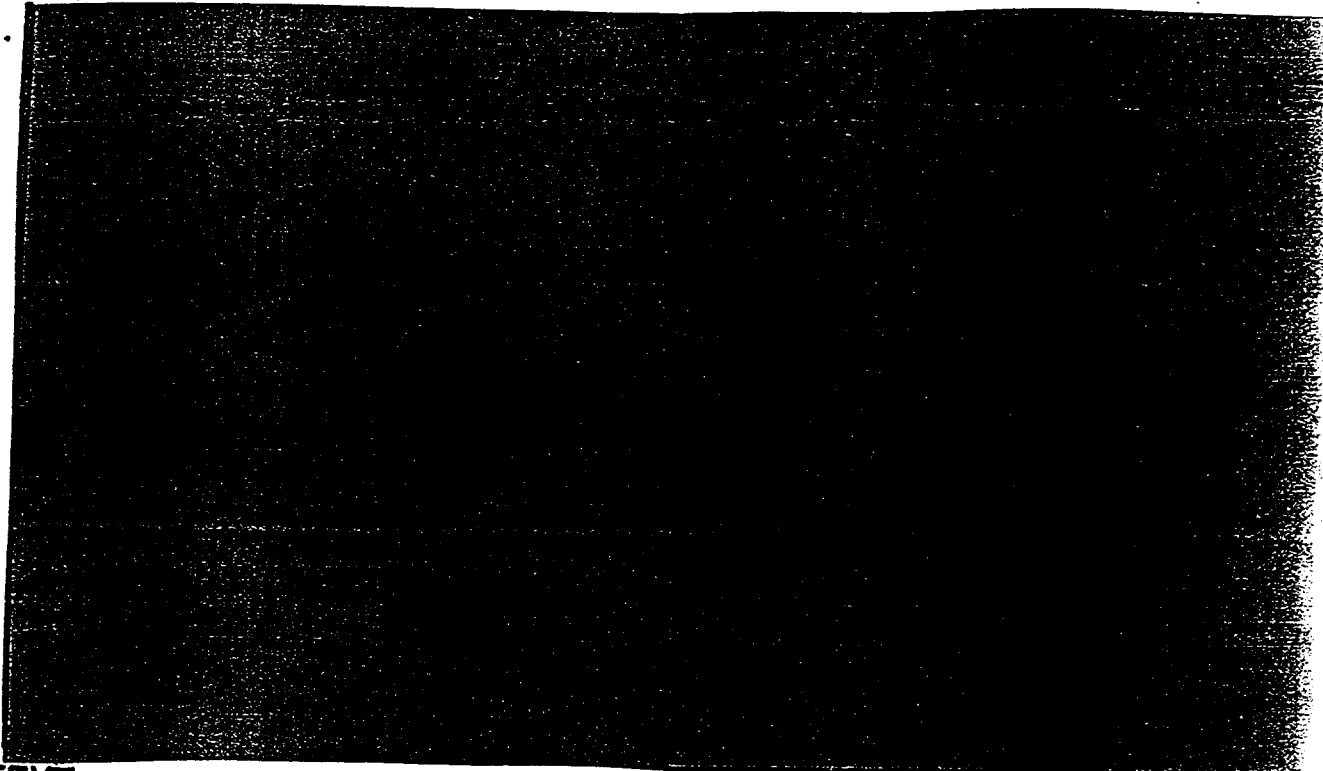


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Cuban-USSR Relations: The 7 May announcement of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Castro regime and the Soviet Union formalizes increasingly close economic and political ties since Mikoyan's visit to Cuba last February, when a five-year trade pact and a \$100,000,-000 Soviet credit were announced. A staff member of the Cuban Communist party newspaper is reported to have said on 7 May that Cuba will also establish diplomatic relations with Communist China in due course.

The Soviet Embassy in Havana will be the fourth in Latin America for the USSR, which now has diplomatic missions in Mexico, Uruguay, and Argentina.

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