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1. Antonio Garcia Moreno, Latin American representative for the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU), during a conversation in late June 1967 on the question of the then approaching plebiscite in Puerto Rico, remarked that the ideas of the adherents of the WFTU/Soviet line clashed with those of the Cubans on implementation of the struggle for the complete independence of Puerto Rico. The Cubans insisted on armed revolution but the Soviets, while basically concurring in the need for violent means, believed that conditions had to be favorable for such action before it could be undertaken. The Soviets urged reorganization of the Puerto Rican Labor Movement under the aegis of the Confederation of Independent Puerto Rican Labor Unions to serve as the base for any future struggle.

2. Garcia Moreno, however, also remarked that WFTU/Soviet circles did approve some aspects of the current Cuban tactics, namely the unity of action between US leader Stokely Carmichael, described as the president of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee,¹ and Juan Mari Bras, leader of the Movement for Independence of Puerto Rico (MIPR). He said such activity served to point up areas where united, international action could be undertaken in favor of Puerto Rican independence.

1. [REDACTED] Comment: It is unknown whether Garcia Moreno was aware that Carmichael has not held this position for some time.

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