

BIRTH OF COMMUNISM IN CUBA

FROM THE DISPATCHES AND ATTACHMENTS
SENT FROM THE US EMBASSY IN HAVANA TO
THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN WASHINGTON
DC FROM 1933 TO 1945

TAKEN FROM THE ARCHIVES OF NARA, IN
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- 1-Batista's supports makes the Communists grow in numbers: US Ambassador Butler
- 2-Batista and President Grau helped Communist strikers
- 3-Batista's, anti American speech in Matanzas: US Ambassador Butler
- 4-Cover of Batista's pamphlet with communists Roca and Peña
- 5-Batista protects Communists: US Embassy Officer Beaulac
- 6-Alliance between Batista and Communists: US Embassy Officer Lawton
- 7-US Ambassador Butler Wright dies in Cuba, possibly poisoned by the Communists
- 8-US Brigadier General Miles, "G2", reports, Batista is aiding Communists
- 9-Only Communist received Batista after a trip abroad: US Ambassador Butler
- 10-President Bru insulted by Batista's Communist leanings: US Embassy officer Bonsal
- 11-The wealthy do not support Batista because his Communist association: Beaulac
- 12-Batista's fraud in the 1940 elections: US Embassy Officer Beaulac
- 13-US Ambassador Welles states Carbo is a communist and Grau an extreme radical
- 14-US Military Attache LT Col T Gimperling considers Guiteras a Communist leader
- 15-Daniels of the US Embassy in Mexico reports Grau's association with Communists
- 16-Pro Communist speeches of Sosa Quesada, Cuban Sec of Defence 1942 and Head of G1 in 1958 during the Communist takeover
- 17-Panchin Batista, Batista's brother, is expelled from the Liberal Party for his association with the Communists: Communist newspaper Hoy
- 18-Santiago Rey, Sec of Interior 1958, supports the USSR, 1942: Communist newspaper Hoy
- 19-LISTS OF COMMUNISTS, US DISPATCHES
- 20-Rabbi Lansker reports on Communists in the Cuban Hebrew Cultural Centre
- 21-Terrorism in Cuba by Communists from New York City
- 22-LISTS OF COMMUNISTS, US Dispatches to the State Department
- 23- 4 of September was not spontaneous, Batista prepared it months before Machado left
- 24 Ambassador Welles considers Communists the best organized in September 1933
- 25- A diplomat believes US intervention, in 1933, was to comply with Treaty of Paris
- 26-An attempt of graft that involved the grand uncle of President Bush, James Bush.
- 27-Hoover reports that: "wealth in Cuba is controlled by Cubans of Spanish nobility comparable to the Jewish control of wealth in the USA"?
- 28- Eduardo Chibas letter to Secretary of State accusing US Ambassador Guggenheim of orchestrating all the crimes of Cuban President Machado
- 29 Vazquez Bello was killed because he was a potential presidential candidate
- 30 All potential Presidential candidates assassinated before Batista's takeover
- 31 The Cuban NAZI Party claims they are not racists
- 32 Cuban KU KLUX KLAN
- 33 Newspapers sent to the State Department with their dispatches
- 34 Internet page of the Library of Congress, Index of COMINTERN documents showing Lichnoe or personal dossiers on Batista and Castro, before 1945 when COMINTERN closed.

These Documents except 34 are the official Dispatches from the US Embassy in Havana sent to the State Department in Washington DC, available at NARA, National Archives, 1933 to 1945 when the Communist Party organized itself in Cuba.

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. *2544*

Habana, November 10, 1939

AIR MAIL

Subject: { Attitude of Colonel Batista toward
Communist Party in Cuba: relation
to Resolution XI adopted at Panama

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
NOV 16 1939
MR. WELLES

Sir:

I have the honor, for the purposes of the record, and because of its relation to the broader international situation, to report that Colonel Batista continues to protect and foster the Communist Party of Cuba, which, in turn, is supporting his program for the Constituent Assembly and is pledged to support him for the presidency.

Colonel Batista's support consists of contributions of funds, the appointment of communist leaders to positions of trust, and participation, through

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through representatives of the army, in communist manifestations.

As the result of this official protection, the Communist Party has grown in numbers and in strength.

While the Cuban Government is fostering the growth of the Communist Party, that party continues to operate in typically international communist fashion within the country. For example, it distributes pamphlets accusing England and France, particularly the former, of having brought about the present war in Europe. It defends the attitude of Russia. It accuses the United States of imperialism.

The situation described is still more interesting in the light of Resolution XI, adopted at the Consultative Meeting of Foreign Ministers of the American Republics at Panama, in which the countries represented resolved:

"To recommend to the Governments represented therein, that they take the necessary measures to eradicate from the Americas the spread of doctrines that tend to place in jeopardy the common Inter-American democratic ideal."

Respectfully yours,



J. BUTLER WRIGHT

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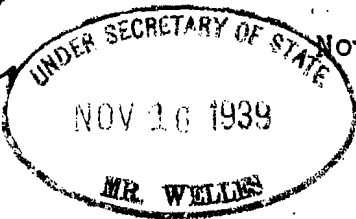
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MEMORANDUM

November 14, 1939.

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Mr. ~~BT~~ Eggs:

Despatch no. 2544, November 10, 1939
From Habana

The Embassy points out that Colonel Batista is continuing to protect and foster the Communist Party in Cuba. That party is operating in typically international communist fashion and is spreading by all possible means the views of Premier Molotov concerning the present international situation. In this connection the Embassy refers to Resolution XI adopted at Panama in which the American Republics resolved to recommend the necessary measures "to eradicate from the Americas the spread of doctrines that tend to place in jeopardy the common Inter-American democratic ideal".

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REGARDING: Communism in Cuba.
Communistic affiliations of Batista and tendency in the
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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Habana, June 26, 1936.

No. 6611

Subject: Communist Party allegedly sponsors "Pro-Amnestia" organization for political purposes.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
JUN 30 1936
MR. WELLES

Sir:

Referring to recent reports concerning the proposed amnesty, I have the honor to report that I have been reliably informed that the local Communist Party is sponsoring an organization called "Pre-Amnestia" which has established offices over the entire Island and which is supported by Joven Cuba and other left-wing groups. The purpose of this organization is political, with the possibility in mind of eventually overthrowing the existing Government, the immediate object in view being to secure as broad an amnesty as possible. This step, however, is regarded as only the first step in their program.

Respectfully yours,

Jefferson Caffery
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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HABANA, CUBA



No. 6368

Habana, June 1, 1936

AIR MAIL

Subject: Pro-amnesty meeting held May 29

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
JUN 5 - 1936
MR. WELLES

Sir:

With reference to the Embassy's numerous recent despatches concerning various amnesty projects pending in Congress and public agitation in favor of a broad general amnesty, I have the honor to report that a large pro-amnesty meeting was held at the Centro Asturiano on Friday evening. While the numerous speeches, some of which are understood to have been highly inflammatory, were made in the building proper, loud speakers enabled an enthusiastic crowd of several thousand gathered in Central

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tral Park to hear them without difficulty. There are transmitted herewith clippings from DIARIO DE LA MARINA and EL MUNDO of May 30 describing the meeting, but the Embassy understands that the press reports were toned down considerably and that the published accounts give no picture of the real spirit of the meeting and attitude of the speakers. Among the latter were included Senator Octavio Rivero (Acción Republicana--Pinar del Río), author of one of the pending amnesty projects, Alejandro Vergara Leonard, head of the Partido Agrario Nacional and Alcalde of Habana during the Grau regime, Eddie Chibás, the radical student leader, Juan Marinello, organizer of the Cuban Communist Party and generally regarded as one of the more intelligent leaders of that organization, and Manuel Alonso, a locally well known communist agitator. The speeches at one time became so inflammatory and so subversive in tone that the representatives of the radio stations transmitting the broadcast thereof felt compelled to cut the speakers off the air. The Embassy understands that some of the speakers attacked the authorities of the Republic, the several Provisional Governments, the Courts, and even President Gómez. A collection was taken up and arrangements made for the appointment of local Pro-Amnesty committees throughout the country, committees which the authorities feel may at any time be converted into strike committees such

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as were organized at the time of the subversive strike movement in March, 1935. Juan Marinello spoke of the importance of maintaining these committees. Senator Rivero, Vergara, and others stressed the importance that all "revolutionaries," not excluding convicted gangsters and terrorists, should be included in the amnesty provisions. The exclusion of convicted "Machadistas" therefrom, however, was advocated. Manuel Alonzo's references to the martyrdom of Julio Antonio Mella (Cuban communist killed in Mexico) were greeted with cheers, as was Eddie Chibás' affectionate references to "Tony" Guiteras and La Joven Cuba.

In addition to the speakers mentioned above, the executive committees of the following organizations are understood to have been officially represented at the meeting:

Joven Cuba
Communist Party of Cuba
A. B. C.
Partido Revolucionario Cubano (Auténticos)
Young Communist League
Confederacion Nacional Obrera de Cuba
International Labor Defense
League Against Yankee Imperialism
Comite Estudiantil Universitario

There were no disorders in connection with the meeting, nor was there any interference with its proceedings on the part of the authorities.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador:

H. Freeman Matthews,

First Secretary of Embassy

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Enclosures:

1. From DIARIO DE LA MARINA, May 30
2. " EL MUNDO, May 30

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILSON

October 18, 1933

Messages received by the United Fruit Company from Preston and Banes, Cuba, dated October 17th, may be summarized as follows:

All Departments are working at Banes. Laborers are becoming very difficult to satisfy and to deal with, apparently on account of Red influences. They threaten to walk out for petty reasons,--for instance, because mechanics from the machine shop are used to work on mill repairs. Besides, they are working badly. The Macabi laborers are working about 75 per cent efficiently, and they are laying down badly on the work at Preston. For these reasons it is most difficult to carry on. Moreover, the attitude of the San Martin government toward strikers and Communists appears to be uncertain. The Sergeant at Banes doubts how far he will be backed up by the government officials in controlling strikers. Also two Reds arrested last week and sent to Havana are now back in Banes. One of these stated that the Government was friendly to them.

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