

# COMMUNIST DRIVE CENTERING ON CUBA

## Soviet Pours In Propaganda in Bid for Influence as Grau and Labor Give Support

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HAVANA, March 26—Russia's bid for influence in Latin America has made Cuba one of the focal points of Communist propaganda in the Western Hemisphere. Like the other United Nations, the Soviet Union is pouring a steady stream of propaganda into the Latin-American countries, but unlike her allies, who confine themselves largely to publicizing their war aims and efforts, Russia's purpose is to weld the masses into a solid bloc of opinion that can be utilized by her in future.

The United States, Great Britain and the U.S.S.R. are the nations carrying on the largest campaigns among our southern neighbors today, but there is no doubt that of the three, the Soviet propaganda is the greatest in volume, the most attractive, the most appealing from a psychological viewpoint, and the most effective.

The Latin-Americans are in the process of being educated in communism and they are willing students. They are being shown the decadence of the capitalist system, the ways it can be combated, the tremendous advantages enjoyed by the working class in Russia as compared with other countries, the power of the proletariat.

### Strong Government Support

They also are being taught to consider Russia as the most powerful and progressive nation of the world and to look to her for guidance. By radio and newspapers, by magazines, pamphlets, books, lectures, art exhibits and personal missionary work, by every conceivable means, the future opinion of Latin America is being shaped in the communistic mold.

While it is conceded that Mexico is the No. 1 center of Soviet activities, Cuba is running that country a close race. In no other nation of the Americas has the Communist party received the Government support given it in Cuba, both by the Batista regime and the present Grau Administration. In no other country do the Communists exercise such complete control over labor, or have at their disposal such excellent propaganda media as in Cuba.

These media include a powerful radio station with the only international channel assigned to the island, an excellent newspaper, daily direct cable service that furnishes news hot from the Moscow press, not only to the Communist organ, but to many other newspapers—free of charge; an organization which extends down into the smallest village of the island; publishing facilities for books, pamphlets and other literature, as well as training schools.

### Huge Diplomatic Staff

Out in the exclusive Vedado residential district is the luxurious Soviet Legation, with some fifty staff members, including a press attaché. No other diplomatic representation in Cuba boasts such an official. All this despite the fact that Cuba had only a few Russian citizens when diplomatic relations were established with the Soviet Union in 1942. At present, the Cuban Foreigners Registration Bureau lists Poles, Lithuanians, Rumanians and many other citizens of the small countries bordering the U.S.S.R. who have taken out Russian papers. Nor does Cuba do any business with Russia.

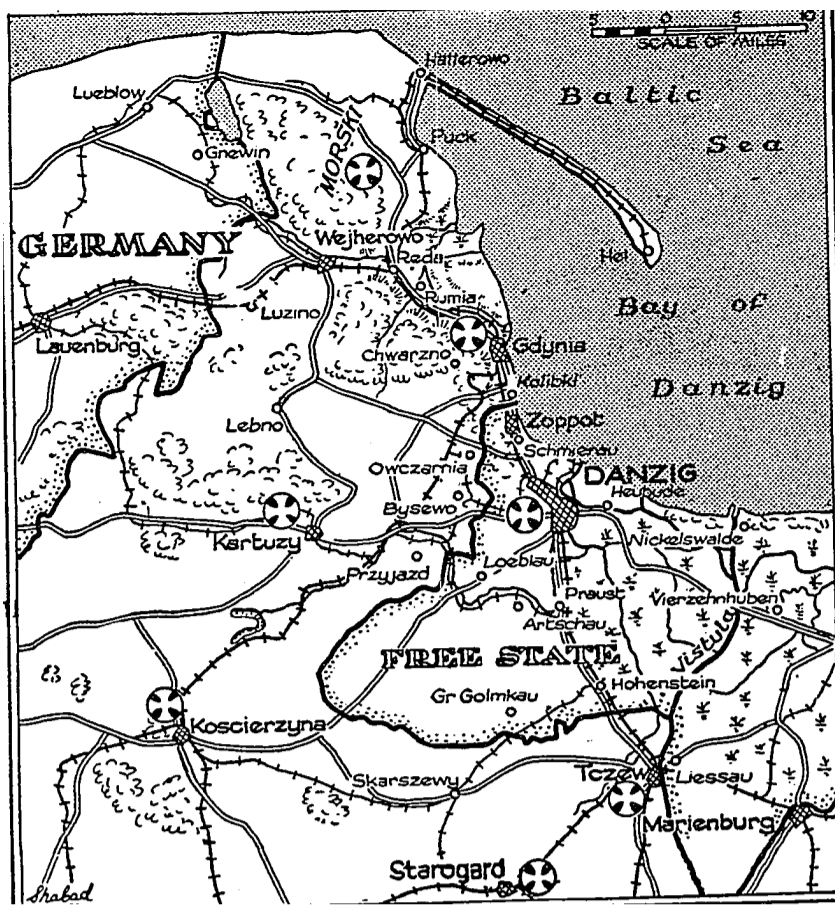
The Soviet Legation is doing a magnificent job of selling communism to the Cubans, particularly to the masses. Its staff members are intelligent, hard-working and enthusiastic, and the scope of their activities is amazing.

### Labor Channels Helpful

The channels of propaganda open to them through control of all island labor unions by the Communistic Confederation of Cuban Workers hardly could be improved upon. No movement or organization is too small to receive attention. It is in this way that the "free" movements here of the various European nations, often ignored by the United States and Great Britain, all have been gradually brought under the Russian wing.

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The Soviet-sponsored regime in Warsaw has announced that the territory will include the districts containing the cities designated by crosses as well as the Morski region.

Soviet agents has been their inability to bring together under Russian guidance the various organizations of the Spanish Republicans in Havana.

Cuba, undoubtedly, will become an even greater center of Russian activities. It is an ideal point of contact for organization and education, due to its strategic location and excellent travel facilities; and the unity of its labor organizations, the indifference of its wealthy classes, as well as the proximity of the island to the United States, make it an excellent proving ground for communism in America.