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SUBJECT: CTC Anti-Communist Resolution

On the night of June 7, 1954 the Executive Committee of the Confederation of Cuban Workers (CTC) met and after hours of discussion unanimously adopted a resolution embodying a set of anti-Communist measures of wide scope and severity.

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In resumé these measures are:

1. The banning of Communists from the national congresses of the industrial federations and of the CTC.
2. The expulsion of Communists from union office at all levels of union organization.
3. The expulsion from the CTC of any union that persists in support of expelled leaders.
4. The creation of a CTC Special Committee to keep a file of all union leaders who have been Communists or closely identified with Communists.
5. To ask the Government to create a Committee on Anti-Communist Activities which is to conduct a campaign against totalitarian ideas. If the Government does not create this Committee, the CTC will.

In the same resolution the CTC calls on the Government to consult with the trade union federation concerned when workers are to be dismissed under the recent decree banning Communists from public employment or employment in public utilities. The CTC also demands in this resolution that a worker dismissed under that decree shall be replaced by another earning the same salary and enjoying the same conditions of labor.

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There are transmitted with this despatch two copies of the CTC's resolution and a translation prepared by the Embassy. Within a few days a despatch will go forward reporting the circumstances surrounding the adoption of this resolution and offering interpretive comment.

For the Ambassador:

Juan de Zengotita
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Second Secretary

Enclosure

1. 2 copies of CTC resolution
2. Translation of resolution

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DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CTC

Night of June 7, 1954

The extraordinary dangers that perturb the democratic world owing to Communist infiltrations, besides placing Guatemala in a situation of volcanic disquiet--not only when it plays the Soviet game but also when it brings closer an extraordinary danger for all the countries of America--oblige the Confederation of Cuban Workers, responsibly concerned by the possibility of splits and in order to guarantee our monolithic national and international proletarian unity, to meet on the night of June 7 under the presidency of its Secretary General, Eusebio Mujal Barniol, and take highly important decisions with repercussions not only in Cuba but in all the other democratic countries and even in those subject to the yoke of Russia or of other kinds of dictatorships.

Our international commitments to ORIT as well as to the ICFTU and a determination to respect completely the decisions of the V, VI, VII, and VIII national congresses of the CTC held in 1946, 1948, 1950 and 1952, which oblige us to combat Communism as a sterile and anti-Cuban extreme, just as (we must combat) every totalitarian ideology of the right, are the benchmark that has always guided our proletarian movement, which through the years has watered with its generous blood the struggle against Communism and its twin brothers fascism, Naziism, and dictatorship and which today finds itself once more in the struggle, which we think a glorious one because it gives us the opportunity to unite the Fatherland and the ideals of liberty.

The following decisions were agreed upon unanimously:

FIRST: That persons who are members of the Partido Socialista Popular or of Communist militancy shall not be admitted as delegates to the National Congresses of the Federations and of the CTC and shall be expelled from their positions as officers of the local unions, the Executives of the unions, the Executives of the Provincial Federations and the National Industrial Federations, and of the CTC itself.

SECOND: This measure shall be carried out immediately by the Executive Committee of the CTC and its Bureau of Direction, taking note of the affiliations of 1951 1/, as well as the subsequent

1/ In preparation for the elections that were to have been held in 1952, somewhat more than 2,000,000 voters had affiliated with political parties. The Communist Partido Socialista Popular obtained just under 60,000 affiliations.

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and current activities of all union officers which are in keeping with Communist philosophy and militancy.

THIRD: When a union supports its expelled leadership, it shall be expelled from the National Industrial Federation to which it belongs, and if the National Industrial Federation should support the rebellious union, it shall be expelled from the CTC.

FOURTH: The Bureau of Direction of the CTC shall appoint a SPECIAL COMMITTEE, which, acting under the direct orders of the Executive Committee of this union central shall carry out the compilation of a confidential file of all union leaders who have been Communists or have had close contact with Communists, so that the CTC may have fit knowledge of these matters.

FIFTH: With regard to the Decree-Law recently published which provides that in the public service being of Communist militancy is justified cause for dismissal, either by the Minister of the Interior or by the employer, it is agreed that the Executive Committee of the CTC shall ask the President of the Republic that there shall be added to the said Decree-Law that these measures shall not be applied without a hearing being given to the national direction of the union central (federation) concerned so that it may present such information as may be necessary to prevent injustices.

SIXTH: When in the public service or in any other line of activity a worker is dismissed because of these circumstances, his place shall be taken by another worker who shall receive the same wages and enjoy the same working conditions.

SEVENTH: The Government of the Republic shall be asked to establish a COMMITTEE OF ANTI-COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES--and if it does not do so the labor movement shall establish it--made up of workers and non-workers in order to carry out an intensive democratic campaign to purge totalitarian ideas. This decision is transmitted to the Bureau of Direction of the CTC, so that it may carry it out when it thinks opportune.

EIGHTH: The Executive Committee of the CTC gives specific notice of ample guarantees to all workers of democratic ideology, whatever their political thinking, for we are only opposed to Communists, to Marxist sympathizers, and to all totalitarians, who wickedly play their (the Communists') game, doing violence to our principles of liberty and social justice, which are degraded and scoffed at by the Soviet dictatorship.

Eusebio Mujal Barniol
Secretary-General CTC

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ACUERDOS DEL COMITE EJECUTIVO DE LA CTC.-

Noche del 7 de Junio de 1954.-

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Los peligros extraordinarios que conmueven al mundo democrático, por las infiltraciones comunistas, así como situarse Guatemala en punto de volcánica perturbación no solo al hacerle el juego a los soviéticos, sino llevar hacia adelante una peligrosidad extraordinaria a todos los Países de la América, hacen que la Confederación de Trabajadores de Cuba, responsablemente preocupada por las posibles divisiones y garantizar nuestra monolítica unidad proletaria nacional e internacional, se reuna en la noche del 7 de Junio bajo la presidencia de su Secretario General, Eusebio Mujal Barniol, y tome decisiones importantísimas de repercusión, no sólo en Cuba sino en todos los demas países democráticos y aun los sometidos al yugo ruso o a otros tipos de dictaduras.-

Nuestros compromisos internacionales tanto de la ORIT como del CIOSL, y la ratificación de absoluto acatamiento por nuestra parte a los acuerdos del V, VI, VII, y VIII Congresos Nacionales de la CTC efectuados en los años 1946, 1948, 1950 y 1952, que nos obligan a combatir el comunismo como un extremismo infecundo y anti-cubano a la par que todo ideario totalitario de derecha, son la meta por la cual siempre se ha guiado el movimiento proletario de nuestro País, que al correr de los años, ha regado con su sangre generosa la lucha contra el comunismo y sus hermanos gemelos: fascismo, nacismo y dictaduras y que hoy se vé llevado de nuevo a la lucha, que consideramos gloriosa, porque nos servirá para consolidar la Patria y los ideales de Libertad.-

Por unanimidad se tomaron los siguientes acuerdos:

PRIMERO:- Que no se admitan los delegados a los Congresos Nacionales de Federaciones y de la CTC y que se expulsen de sus cargos dirigentes de las Secciones Sindicales, Ejecutivos de los Sindicatos, Ejecutivos de las Federaciones Provinciales y de las Federaciones Nacionales de Industria y de la propia CTC a los que sean miembros del Partido Socialista Popular o de militancia comunista.-

SEGUNDO:- Esta medida la aplicará de inmediato el Comité Ejecutivo de la CTC y su Buró de Dirección, tomando en cuenta las afiliaciones del año 1951 así como las actuaciones posteriores y presentes de cada dirigente que sean afines a la militancia y filosofía comunista.-

TERCERO:- Cuando un Sindicato respalde a su dirección expulsada será también separado de la Federación Nacional de Industria a que pertenezca y si por cualquier circunstancia éste organismo respalde al Sindicato rebelde, también será expulsada la Federación Nacional de Industria de la CTC.-

CUARTO:- El Buró de Dirección de la CTC, designará una COMISION ESPECIAL para que actuando bajo las órdenes directas del Comité Ejecutivo de la Central Sindical, lleve a cabo la confección de un Archivo interior de los dirigentes sindicales que han sido comunistas o han tenido contacto estrecho con los mismos, al objeto de que la CTC tenga un cabal conocimiento de estos asuntos.-

QUINTO:- En relación a la Ley-Decreto recién publicada que se refiere a que en los Servicios Públicos, ser de militancia comunista es causal del despido de su trabajo, tanto por el Ministro de Gobernación como por los Patronos, se acuerda que el Comité Ejecutivo de la CTC le pida al Presidente de la República se le añada a dicha Ley-Decreto que no se apliquen dichas medidas sin antes oír a la Dirección Nacional de la Central Sindical para que aporte los datos necesarios al objeto de evitar se cometan injusticias.-

SEXTO:- Cuando en los Servicios Públicos ó en otras actividades se despida por estas contingencias a un trabajador, esta plaza debe ser cubierta por otro obrero en idénticas condiciones salariales y laborales.-

SEPTIMO:- Se le pide al Gobierno de la República, la creación de un COMITE DE ACTIVIDADES ANTI-COMUNISTAS y de no hacerlo, crearlo el movimiento sindical, integrándolo por trabajadores y no-trabajadores al objeto de efectuar una intensa campaña democrática de depuración de las ideas totalitarias.- Este acuerdo se traslada al Buró de Dirección de la CTC para que le dé cumplimiento cuando lo estime conve-

niente.-

OCTAVO:- Hace el Comité Ejecutivo de la CTC señalamientos específicos de amplia garantía para todos los trabajadores de idearios democráticos cualquiera que fuere su pensamiento político; porque solo estamos en contra de los comunistas, de los filo-marxistas y de todos los totalitarios, que le hacen malvadamente el juego, agrediendo a nuestros principios de libertad, y de justicia social, vulnerados y escar-
necidos por la dictadura soviética.-

Eusebio Mujal Barniol
Secretario General CTC.