

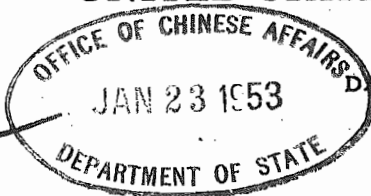
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**Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

TO : CA - Mr. Anderson

FROM : MID - Mr. Wellman

SUBJECT: Communist activity among Chinese in Cuba.



DATE: January 23, 1953

The attached memorandum has been prepared in this office on the basis of available reports, in reply to your memorandum of December 17, 1952, requesting information concerning communist activity among Chinese in Cuba.

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SUBJECT: Communist activity among Chinese in Cuba.

Number of Chinese Communists

The Chinese population in Cuba is usually estimated at 30,000 or less (90% male) almost half of which are resident in Habana. The number of Chinese Communists is estimated at about 300, the major activity being in the Santiago area. Apparently communist activity among the Chinese in Cuba has decreased since 1949. The former Chinese Ambassador to Cuba, Dr. C. T. SHEN, believes that only a few of them are hard core communists.

Organization

The Chinese communist organization in Cuba is the Alianza de Apoyo a la Democracia China, also known, in English translation as New Democratic League of the Overseas Chinese in the Americas and Cuban Overseas Chinese League for the Support of Democracy. This organization has units in Habana, Santiago, Guantanamo and possibly in Cienfuegos.

Publication

The Chinese Communists in Cuba have published a Chinese character newspaper called the Kwong (or Kuong) Wa Po. This newspaper was edited by one LION YIN JONG, a Santiago baker, and apparently had a circulation of about 800. It has been regularly in trouble with the police and has had financial difficulties. About March 1951, the Cuban police arrested a number of Chinese communists in Santiago, including some that worked on the paper, and publication was suspended. It is not known whether publication has been resumed.

Leaders

The following appear to be the leaders of the Chinese Communists in Cuba, being leaders in the Alianza de Apoyo a la Democracia China.

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MANUEL LUIS, also known as LUIS LU and LU KA-TSU, an employee or representative of a noodle factory in Santiago, chairman of the Alianza.

LUIS LI, also known as LI CHICH CHICH, a grocery store operator in Habana, secretary of the Alianza.

ENRIQUE LEON, also known as LEUNG JU and LIANG PU-HANZ, partner in a grocery store in Habana, chairman of the Habana branch of the Alianza.

IGNACIO LENG (or LONG), GUILLERMO CHONG and JESUS LUIS CHONG, members of the board of directors of the Alianza.

A rapid review of the leaders of the Partido Socialista Popular (PSP, Cuban communist party) and of Cuban delegations to international Communist meetings failed to turn up any Chinese names.

Relations with Communist China

Contact between the Chinese communists in Cuba and the Chinese communists in China has been reported to be through one ANGEL WU, ex-Cuban consul in Manila (half Cuban mulatto and half Chinese) who was imprisoned by the Japanese during World War II. Also there is a report that one LEON HONG KING, who went back to China in 1950, has been "fingering" the relatives in China of prominent Nationalist Chinese in Cuba so that these relatives could be liquidated. It was reported in August, 1952, that LEON HONG KING was returning to Cuba.

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