

DATE: September 10, 1958  
TO: Thomas J. Kelly, Metropolitan Sheriff  
FROM: W. D. McKee, Criminal Intelligence  
SUBJECT: CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES

On September 6, 1958 Agent Tarabochia was contacted by officers Meyersohn and Magaletta of the Uniform Division with reference to a leaflet in Spanish seized after the arrest of a Cuban male for reckless driving and possession of pornographic literature.

The document printed in Spanish was invitation to members and sympathizers of the 26 of July Cuban Revolutionary movement to attend a meeting to be held at 8:30 PM September 6, 1958 at the Miami Home Society (Polish American Association) located at 5525 N.W. 7 Avenue.

The prisoner, Romilio Victor Garcia W/M, 20 years of 574 E. 23 Street Hialeah stated that he had loaned his car, a 1954 Ford bearing a 1958 Florida tag #1-169860, to a Cuban acquaintance and did not know the source of the message.

Agent Tarabochia and officer Zenoz of the Miami Police Department's Intelligence Unit attended the meeting which began at about 9:00 PM and lasted until 11:30 PM.

The Agent entered the premises without being questioned and was immediately approached by two ladies of what apparently is the Women's Auxiliary of the Movement, who tried to sell different propaganda articles for the purpose of raising funds for the Movement.

The articles on sale were: lapel buttons, men's neckties, handkerchiefs, all bearing the Movement's colors (red and black with a five pointed white star and the number 29 in the middle.

Cuban penants with Fidel Castro's image and records of the Hymn of the Movement were also on sale at a fancy price.

Revolutionary printed matter such as Sierra Maestra and a pamphlet titled "La Historia Me Absolvira" (History Will Absolve Me) by Fidel Castro were offered to the persons attending the meeting.

After the playing of the United States and Cuban National Anthems, Rafael Valdez, an officer of the Movement, introduced the first speaker, Miss Olivia Alvarez of the Women's Auxiliary.

Miss Alvarez after elaborating briefly on the current situation in Cuba, gave a brief account of the funds raised by the branch which amounted to \$1,650. The funds were spent for the purchase of materials to manufacture uniforms for the rebel forces.

The speaker appealed for more generous contributions for funds needed for the purchase of shoes, of which castro forces are badly in need.

In concluding her speech, Miss Alvarez informed the audience that a plate dinner sponsored by her section was to be held soon.

The next speaker was Carlos Imperial who had acted as liaison between the civilians and the naval personnel at the Cienfuegas uprising of September 5, 1957.

Imperial commemorated the Cienfuegos action and bitterly denounced the Batista Regime.

While Imperial was speaking, about fifteen Cuban youths removed a picture of Fidel Castro from a stand on the left side of the speaker's platform and angrily stalked out of the meeting. The Agent later learned that this was the radical leftist faction of the movement believed to be infiltrated by Communists.

The third speaker was Sergio Cardoso, chairman of the Labor Section of the Movement who praised the section for the contributions to the financial drive and exhorted the members to buy the special \$5.00 bonds issued to commemorate the date of September 5, 1957. About fifteen persons got up and bought bonds among the applause of the audience.

Cardoso was followed by the Secretary for propaganda, Dr. Octavio Diaz Fernandez who reiterated the need for unity of action within the Movement and notified the members that the executive committee holds meetings in the building located at N.W. 2 Ave. and 4th Street (N.W. corner, 2nd floor) and that any grievances or other matters of capital importance should be brought before that committee.

Antonio (Toni) Bus, Treasurer of the Frente Civil, took the speaker's stand and gave account of the monies collected since the third of February, 1958, which amounted to \$18,562.67 up to the end of July 1958. The proceeds from the sales of a special issue of bonds amounting to approximately \$2,000 are to be added to the previous sum.

Of the \$18,562.67, \$17,000 was spent for the operations of the Movement i.e. purchase of arms and ammunition. About \$700 was spent for printed propaganda, \$400 for the Sierra Maestra periodical and the balance for miscellaneous items of minor importance.

After a brief allocution by E. Ramirez, Filoberto Zamorra, President of the Movement concluded the meeting by denouncing the tyranny of Batista and praising those who gave their lives in the fight for preservation of human dignity.

An estimated 180 men and women attended the meeting which was conducted in an orderly manner with the exception of the incident previously mentioned. Attached is the document seized by Officers Meyersohn and Magaletta.

Respectfully submitted,



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