

Cops cover for Omega 7 killers

By Stu Singer

SEPT. 17—A week after Félix García Rodríguez, a member of the Cuban delegation to the United Nations, was assassinated on a busy New York City street, police have made no arrests.

Right-wing terrorists who took credit for the murder threatened to kill other Cubans. They specifically targeted the head of Cuba's UN delegation, Dr. Raúl Roa Kouri.

At least three .45 caliber shots were fired at García, killing him Thursday evening, September 11, as he was driving on Queens Boulevard.

A caller told United Press International several minutes after the shooting: "Omega 7 commandos are responsible for the execution of a Cuban delegate to the UN. . . . We intend to continue to eliminate all these traitors from the face of the earth and we are going to continue on executing all these people who are responsible for conditions in Cuba."

In the past five years, "Omega 7" has taken credit for other murders. They killed Carlos Muñiz Varela in San Juan Puerto Rico, April 28, 1979 and Eulalio José Negrín in Union City, New Jersey last November 25. Muñiz and Negrín were both opponents of the U.S. blockade against Cuba. No one has been charged in their murders.

Omega 7 has taken credit for twenty-two bombings in the New York City area in the last five years. There have been no arrests. (See page 18 for the history of police protection for Omega 7.)

On Friday afternoon, the day after the murder of García, 500 people demonstrated outside the United States Mission to the UN. The demonstrators demanded the arrest of the Omega 7 terrorists and protested the U.S. blockade against Cuba.

The afternoon edition of the *New York Post* was already on the streets. Its front page declared that "New York police said today they feared a bloody war here between pro- and anti-Castro groups following the assassination. . . . 'There could be a lot of blood in the streets,' a top law enforcement source told the *Post*."

Condolences and spy stories

In reacting to the murder, U.S. officials expressed "sincere regret" (UN ambassador Donald McHenry), "enormous distress" (New York Mayor Ed Koch) and regret over the "reprehensible murder" (Secretary of State Edmund Muskie).

But instead of arresting the terrorists, the government floated stories that García, the victim, "served some intelligence functions" (September 12 *New York Times*). The September 13 *Daily News* headlined their article "Believe envoy killed for spy activity" and quoted unnamed "federal authorities" that "Omega 7 decided to execute García after unmasking him as a high level spy sent here by Fidel Castro to wipe them out." The article claims, "García was thought to be keeping surveillance on a Cuban drug ring operating in Miami."

Similar reports were initially broad-



Militant/Harry Ring



Top, 500 in New York protested killing of Cuban diplomat. Below, car blown up by terrorists in 1976 killing of Chilean leader Letelier. Killers will now get new trial.

cast in much of the news media. They wanted to turn the victim into the criminal and relieve the pressure on the government to move against the terrorists.

The charge is repeated in the *Newsweek* issue dated September 22, but the spy stories have since disappeared from the local press. New York Police and FBI officials have been quoted as saying "We don't have any information that he was in intelligence." (*Times*, September 13).

Raúl Roa said of the charges, "[García] was a protocol officer at the mission—that is all. The media is trying to invent all these fabrications to justify what has happened, and that is that Félix García has been murdered in plain daylight."

U.S. protects terrorists

The September 16 *New York Times* quotes FBI spokesman Quentin Ertel: "I think in terms of developing witnesses and hard evidence, progress is

slow."

But the slow progress has nothing to do with lack of information. The names and pictures of key leaders of the terrorists and the address of their public headquarters in Union City, New Jersey have been published repeatedly.

The *Times* reported September 14 that police have been "unable to find any members of Omega 7." The news media seems to have had better luck.

The *Daily News* of September 14 carried an interview with Pedro Hernandez, a right-wing newspaper publisher. Hernandez said he supported the murder of García because "justice is being done."

In the March 10, 1980 *Village Voice*, writer Jeff Stein identified Hernandez as, "a close ally of [Armando] Santana's Cuban Nationalist Movement and, according to New York police files, 'a suspect in recent Cuban bombings.'"

Stein said, "the FBI feels [Armando Santana] is the key Omega 7 operative in this area."

The September 23 *Newsweek* quoted Alfredo Chumaceiro, a right-wing terrorist, as insisting "there is no connection" between the [Cuban Nationalist] movement and García's assassination." Chumaceiro just might be lying. He and Santana spent two years in jail after New York police caught them setting a bomb at a theater showing a Cuban film festival in 1976.

The March 27, 1979 *Times* reported that the FBI said "its investigations indicated that Omega 7 was 'a pseudonym used by members of the Cuban Nationalist Movement.'"

The media have reported that the CNM has a public office at 4207 New York Ave., Union City, New Jersey.

Three members of the CNM are in jail for the assassination of Chilean exile leader Orlando Letelier and American Ronnie Moffitt. Letelier's car was blown up in Washington September 21, 1976. The trial of the terrorists revealed the murder was ordered by the Chilean secret police, Dina, and that there was some degree of CIA involvement.

Ironically the three CNM members jailed for the Letelier and Moffitt murders won a federal appeals court ruling September 15 that overturned their convictions. They are supposed to be tried again.

Hypocrites and liars

When Carter admitted the shah of Iran to this country, Iranian students seized the U.S. Embassy. U.S. officials branded this the most heinous violation of international diplomatic norms in history.

The United States is host country to the United Nations. Since 1975 Omega 7 terrorists have claimed responsibility for bombing the UN missions of Venezuela (twice), Cuba (five times), the Soviet Union, and Angola. Now a Cuban diplomat has been gunned down. No action has ever been taken by U.S. authorities against the terrorists for these attacks on "international diplomacy."

In the last few years some bombings were supposedly committed by Puerto Rican independence supporters. U.S. police not only arrested and convicted people allegedly responsible, but attempted to terrorize all supporters of Puerto Rican independence in the process. People were jailed for "conspiracy"; or jailed for contempt because they chanted independence slogans in court.

It is an outright lie that U.S. officials do not know or cannot get a conviction against the anti-Cuban terrorists.

Carter's policy

Whatever the facts eventually show about the direct links between the U.S. government and García's killers, the Omega 7 terror campaign fits right in with the policy of the Carter administration.

That policy is to block the revolutionary upsurge in Central America, and to isolate Cuba. The Omega 7 killings are inseparable from this policy, which could drag the American people into a new Vietnam in Central America.

The violence is also aimed at intimidating the growing number of people in the Cuban community in this country who want a friendly policy toward Cuba.

To the extent the murderers get away with their crimes, they are encouraged to step up their attacks.

Washington's message to Omega 7 thus far is: you have a license to kill.

A different message has to be sent back to Washington: the American people are sick of government-trained killers freely walking the streets of this country, whether they are counterrevolutionary Cubans or Ku Klux Klan scum.

Felix Garcia Rodriguez: a fighter since youth

The following biographical sketch of the slain Félix García Rodríguez is based on information issued by the Cuban Mission to the United Nations.

Born in 1939 of humble origins, García worked from his earliest years to help support his family.

As a student at the University of Havana, he was active in the movement against the Batista dictatorship, cooperating with the Revolutionary Directorate, a student organization, and the July 26 Movement, led by Fidel Castro. He

was arrested twice by Batista's police during student demonstrations.

He graduated from the schools of diplomatic law and journalism at the university.

A member of a combat unit of the people's militia, he participated in numerous mobilizations in defense of the revolution. He was also active in voluntary sugar harvesting mobilizations. As a member of the Ministry of Exterior Relations (MINREX) he participated in projects sponsored by the department

for building new workers' housing.

He served as an official of MINREX and then worked as a journalist on the daily *Victoria*, published on the Isle of Youth, and on *Juventud Rebelde*, the Havana daily. He was then appointed a diplomatic attaché to the Cuban UN Mission. He was, since 1977, a protocol official.

He is survived by a brother, Domingo García Rodríguez, currently the Cuban ambassador to Egypt.

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revolutionaries to the KKK-Nazi gang that shot and killed five antiracist demonstrators in North Carolina last November.

"When right-wing terrorists can strike with impunity, it hits us right here at home. It hits those trying to organize unions. It hits those demanding Black equality. It hits those fighting to stop the draft. It hits anyone who wants to change society."

Despite Washington's efforts to whip up hatred of Cuba, he went on, the great majority of Americans oppose the right-wingers' bombings and assassinations.

In fact, many working people here are beginning to hear about the gains of the Cuban revolution and are interested in finding out more. A central aim of Omega 7's violence is to intimidate those who are spreading the truth about Cuba to American workers.

Welcoming the example set by the emergency picket lines the day before, Pulley said more and larger actions are needed, drawing on the power of the unions, groups organizing solidarity with Latin America, Black and Latino groups, antidraft youth, and all who have a stake in opposing the terrorists.

'Cops know where they are'

Pulley scoffed at police claims to have "few leads" in the assassination. "They know who these people are. They know where they are," he said. "The reason the cops don't find them and jail them is because the cops are in complicity with them."

"The CIA never admits to killing anybody," he pointed out. "They always have somebody else take credit. They like to kill through a third party. Only years later does it come out that the CIA did it."

Pulley took up the statements by Donald McHenry, U.S. ambassador to the UN, justifying police conduct. McHenry had asserted that even though the FBI knew the members of Omega 7, arrests could be made only on "hard evidence," since "this is not a police state."

"It's true, this is not a police state," Pulley responded. "This is a capitalist democracy. And what we see here is that in a capitalist democracy, right-wing terrorists stand above the law, murdering people with impunity. We see the real face of capitalist democracy, the face of the oppressed masses of the world see every day."

Pulley said the assassination of Gar-

Shipyard workers tell Pulley: 'We're with your principles'

NEWPORT NEWS, Va.—At noon on September 12, Andrew Pulley stood at the main gate of Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, shaking hands with workers pouring out of the yard on their lunch break.

It was not a first visit for the Socialist Workers presidential candidate.

Last year Pulley was part of a delegation of steelworkers from the Chicago-Gary area who journeyed to Newport News to demonstrate support for the shipyard workers' long strike for union recognition.

This past summer, some 1,800 shipyard workers—at least 10 percent of the production and maintenance work force in the yard—signed petitions to help get Pulley on the Virginia ballot.

So it was no surprise that the response was friendly as Pulley talked with workers while a half-dozen campaign supporters distributed literature and sold the *Militant*. One Black worker chatted briefly



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Socialist Workers presidential candidate Andrew Pulley, left, talks with Newport News workers outside main shipyard gate during lunch break.

with Pulley, pressed a small envelope into his hand, and hurried on.

Inside was a forty-dollar contribution to the socialist campaign.

A note explained that the donation came from "a few of us who are not

yet members of your splendid organization, but with your principles, and reality of what you and the country were built upon. We wish that the working class will prevail and this is America."

cia fits into a pattern of attacks by Washington against the revolutionary movement in the Caribbean and Central America, including U.S. hostility to the revolutionary governments in Nicaragua and Grenada and stepped-up U.S. aid to the military dictatorship in El Salvador.

"And above all, attacks against Cuba," he said. Just in the past year, Pulley noted, Washington has tried to launch a witch-hunt against Cuba around the "Soviet troops" issue, resumed illegal spy flights over the island, held threatening military maneuvers in the area, and tried to exploit the Cuban emigrés to smear the Castro government.

Why they hate Cuba

The socialist candidate posed the question: "Why is Washington—the strongest military power on earth, based on the wealthiest economy, a big country of 240 million people—so hostile to Cuba, a small country of 10 million that is relatively poor?"

"Cuba does pose a threat," he answered. "A threat not to American workers, Blacks, women, or any of the oppressed, but a threat to the billionaires of this country."

"The threat Cuba poses is that the rest of the people of Latin America will learn from its example that the way to end unemployment, the way to end illiteracy, the way to end hunger and disease, the way to raise the living standard of the masses of people, is to take over your own country! And to take over your own country, you've got to take over some of the American billionaires' property, and you've got to bring down the dictators who serve on behalf of the American billionaires."

Pulley pointed to the response of the Cuban people to Washington's threats.

"Five million people, half the island's population, came into the streets May 17 to demonstrate support to the revolution. It dwarfed those who left."

"How many people could Carter mobilize?"

The fact is, Pulley said, that Washington has failed to win support among the American people for its attempts to crush revolutionary struggles around the world. He cited mass opposition to the draft among young people, "who see that the draft is not to defend them, but to defend the interests of giant corporations."

American workers, he said, "have no interest in Carter's anti-Cuba policy. Our interests lie with the workers and peasants of Central America and the Caribbean. They are fighting against the same corporations that rip us off at home."

"Our interests lie with the Cuban people, who are setting an example of how working people can run society to provide jobs, education, health care, freedom from racism, and a better future for humanity."

"We should join with them in demanding an end to the economic blockade of Cuba. We should join them in demanding that Washington halt its spy flights and withdraw its troops from Guantánamo."

'They are losing'

Finally, Pulley stressed that the terrorist actions "are not only the actions of cowards, but the actions of people who are desperate, who have tried and failed."

"We have no reason to feel pessimism because of this assassination. The U.S. rulers are losing, not just in the Caribbean but right here at home."

"They lose when one million young workers say, hell no, we won't go.

"They lose when 7,000 demonstrators come into the streets to protest Klan murder in North Carolina."

"They lose when the Black community doesn't take the exoneration of killer-cops lying down, but comes out into the streets and lights up the skies."

"They lose when workers fight back against demands for sacrifice. When the fire fighters in Chicago link up with the Black community. When shipbuilders right here strike and win the union of their choice."

"They lose when they can't rally the American people behind Carter and Reagan."

"They lose when union after union starts talking about the need to build a labor party."

From Poland to Iran, from South Africa to El Salvador, Pulley declared, the strength of the working class is making history. He quoted from Fidel Castro's July 26 speech, with its confident defiance of U.S. threats and its reminder that capitalist society "already belongs to the past."

"In the last analysis," Pulley continued, "all the assassins they can muster will not be sufficient to halt the march of history."

"If little Vietnam can do it against the U.S. military, if little Cuba can withstand the blockade for twenty years, if little Grenada can move forward, if Iran can overthrow the shah and move forward—just imagine what will happen when working people in this country say it is time to call a halt. When workers here say what the Polish workers said, that it's time for us to become the masters of our factories, masters of all society."

"I'll tell you what will happen. All the assassins, like all the cops, will run for cover."

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Raul Roa addresses UN

'The assassins operate with full impunity'

Following is the text of the statement made by Raúl Roa Kouri, Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations, at the September 12 session of the UN General Assembly. The English text was released by the Cuban Mission to the UN.

Mr. President:

Distinguished delegates:

Yesterday evening, a member of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations, Diplomatic Attache,



RAUL ROA

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Comrade Félix García Rodríguez, was cowardly assassinated in New York City.

His assassins, counterrevolutionaries of Cuban origin living in the United States, cynically informed the New York press that that was an act by one of the gangs made up of a small group of terrorists without a fatherland which operate in this country. They forecast that this would be the first in a series of aggressions.

These groups of professional assassins who not only act against the representatives of Revolutionary Cuba, but who impose their terror on all those who defend Cuba's rights, have several public offices in the country which hosts our international organization. The members and leaders of these groups publish their statements

in the Hispanic press of New York City and convene public meetings in Manhattan, shamelessly boasting about their criminal intentions against the diplomatic representatives of the Cuban Revolution. They are the same who, in the course of the past two years, have bombed the premises of the Permanent Mission of Cuba on five occasions, causing serious damage to our office building and endangering the lives and security not only of Cuban diplomats and officials but of innocent passers-by and New York police agents on duty at the Mission as well. In short, they are the same elements who six months ago placed a highly potent plastic bomb under the car of the Permanent Representative of Cuba to this Organization.

They have now vilely murdered diplomat Félix García on a Queens roadway, inside his own car, in plain day light, at a scarce 15 minutes drive from the United Nations Headquarters.

They have acted with full impunity. They have acted, likewise, with the treachery, expertise and security of those who were trained to commit all kinds of criminal activities against the Cuban Revolution, its leaders and representatives abroad. Above all, they acted with the cowardice typical of these despicable petty gangsters.

Encouraged by the impunity which they have enjoyed and still enjoy, despite our reiterated denunciation of their acts to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and to the Common Relations with the Host Country, they resolved to slay Comrade Félix García once they ascertained he was alone and defenseless. Such is the nature of Cuba's enemies; such are their criminal methods; such is the indemnity with which they carry out their repugnant villainies.

Mister President:

The Permanent Mission of Cuba has received the condolences of the Government of the Host Country for this outrageous assassination. The Permanent Representative of the United States has assured us that all necessary measures to guarantee the security and physical integrity of Cuban

diplomats and of our Mission would be adopted, and that all efforts would be made to apprehend the assassins of our comrade, Félix García.

But, unfortunately, Félix García has died because his cowardly assassins were not punished for their previous crimes. It is, therefore, an elementary duty to denounce his murder before this august body and reiterate the imperative need to put an end to the impunity enjoyed by these terrorists and assassins; that the Host Country, in accordance with its obligations from the Agreement between the United Nations and the Government of the United States, fully guarantees the physical security of diplomatic personnel accredited to this Organization, of their Missions and properties. The international community cannot remain idle in the face of the repeated

aggressions and terrorist actions against diplomatic personnel and Missions in New York City.

From the bottom of our hearts, we pay homage to our comrade, who fell in the fulfillment of his duties. No member of the Cuban diplomatic service can be intimidated. My Government demands that the authorities of the Host Country adopt the necessary measures to capture and try the assassins of Cuban diplomat Félix García, and expects the Member States of this Organization to demand the strict observance of the norms and conventions regulating the activities of our Missions and their personnel, inasmuch as they are diplomatic agents accredited to the United Nations and reside, for that reason, in the territory of the Host Country. Thank you.

Message to Cuban youth

Following the assassination of Félix García Rodríguez, the national executive committee of the Young Socialist Alliance sent messages of solidarity to three youth organizations in Cuba. They were the Unión de Jóvenes Comunistas, Federación de Estudiantes Universitarios, and Organización Continental Latino-Americana des Estudiantes (Union of Young Communists, Federation of University Students and Continental Organization of Latin American Students).

The following is the text of the message.

The Young Socialist Alliance of the United States expresses our profound outrage and sorrow over the murder of comrade Félix García Rodríguez. We hold the U.S. government responsible for this crime because of its twenty-year campaign to undermine and slander the Cuban revolution.

The government of the United States is afraid of the example of the Cuban revolution for young people in this country. Imperialist propaganda against Cuba, Nicaragua, and Grenada has been aimed at turning young Americans against these revolutions. But American youth have no interest in fighting our brothers and sisters in the Caribbean, Central America, or elsewhere. This was shown by the refusal of hundreds of thousands of young American workers and students to register for Carter's draft.

We pledge to mobilize our members and supporters to protest this latest attack on the Cuban revolution. We demand immediate prosecution of the anti-Cuban terrorists. We demand protection for representatives of the Cuban government.

No draft! No war!
End the blockade!
End U.S. attacks on the Cuban revolution!

Protests echo inside and outside UN

By Harry Ring

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.—Within eighteen hours of the slaying of Cuban UN attaché Félix García Rodríguez, there were substantial protests here, both outside and inside the United Nations.

While the UN General Assembly met in a plenary session on the issue, protesters marched outside. With literally only hours notice, more than 500 people showed up for a two-hour demonstration.

Chanting in Spanish and English, the picketers demanded:

"USA, CIA, Hands off Cuba!"
"Cuba sí, bloqueo no! Omega 7 has got to go!" "Arrest the terrorists! Break the blockade!"

Inside the UN, Dr. Raúl Roa Kouri, first secretary of the Cuban delegation, told the plenary that the assassins were encouraged in their deadly work "by the impunity they have enjoyed and still enjoy" in the United States.

Noting Washington's expressions of regret, Roa commented that "unfortunately Félix García has died because his cowardly assassins were not punished for their previous crimes."

This point was emphasized by the demonstrators outside the UN. A statement distributed to passers-by from the sponsoring group, the Committee to End the U.S. Blockade Against Cuba, demanded a halt to "all terrorist violence" against Cuba.



Protest at UN

Militant/Arriñal Ydíñez

It noted that ever since the triumph of the Cuban revolution twenty-one years ago, anti-Cuba terrorist networks have functioned "virtually unchecked" in this country and in Puerto Rico. It declared that the absence of vigorous prosecution of the terrorist groups by the government "can only be interpreted as complicity."

Numerous groupings opposed to U.S. aggression against Cuba participated.

Among them were Casa de las Americas, Casa Nicaragua, Antonio Maceo Brigade, Puerto Rican Socialist Party, Socialist Workers Party, Young Socialist Alliance, Communist Party, Venceremos Brigade, Workers World Party, and others.

At the UN plenary, representatives spoke on the assassination.

Speaking on behalf of the UN, General Secretary Kurt Waldheim said he

joined in "strongly condemning" the murder.

Representing several of the Asian governments, the representative of Bangladesh declared it "a matter of serious concern for all of us." He called upon the United States to fulfill its obligation as host country to the UN by assuring that effective measures be taken "to afford full protection to all diplomatic personnel" at the UN.

A statement by some of the Arab countries expressed "great concern at this odious crime."

"The host country," it declared, "must respect the principles of international law and ensure adequate protection for all members of the diplomatic community."

It declared it supported the Cuban demand that the United States "take the necessary measures to apprehend the criminals. . . ."

Donald McHenry, the chief U.S. delegate, voiced "sincere and profound sorrow." He asserted that "all appropriate federal agencies" would cooperate with the New York police and that the government would "use every constitutional means to seek out and prosecute" the terrorists.

Fine words. But a week after they were spoken the combined forces of the federal government and New York police were still saying they didn't have a single lead in the killing and that prospects were dim for developing any.

'Anger and renewed combativity'

Cuban leader delivers memorial speech

Following is the memorial speech for Félix García Rodríguez delivered in Havana September 14 by Carlos Rafael Rodríguez, member of the Political Bureau of the Cuban Communist Party and Vice-president of the Council of State. The translation is by 'Inter-continental Press.'

The anger of our people is mixed with sadness today. It is growing in face of the cowardice of those who vilely murdered our beloved comrade Félix García.

This crime comes from the desperation of defeat. It is vengeance, brutal but useless, by those who know they have been uprooted once and for all from this land that they betrayed.

Those who shamefully fled the face-to-face battle now attack recklessly, knowing they are safe from harm.

These gangster outfits know all too well that nothing will turn the Cuban people aside. They know that their hope that this revolution might be broken by foreign threat or internal decay has long since vanished.

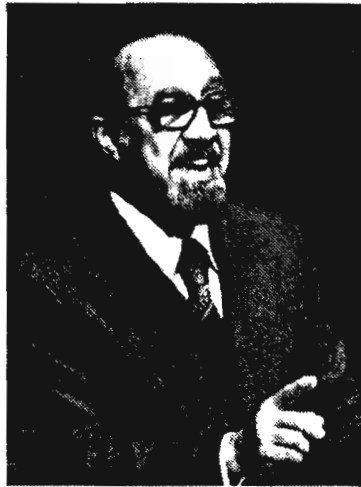
They know, too, that no fighter of the revolution slackens when his brothers are murdered. More than once they have heard the victory cry—"The people united will never be defeated!"

But they were trained to kill. They are not ready to give up the job of assassin. They are looking once again for someone to hire them.

When they see retrograde forces appearing on the U.S. political scene, who base their aspirations for power on a call for a return to violence and a heavy hand in Latin America, these gangs lose no time in demonstrating their skill in carrying out such a policy, whose prototype was that of Pinochet in Chile.

'Can't tolerate truth'

If they are to keep on doing their dirty work, these gangsters cannot tolerate the American people hearing the true voice of Cuba or understanding the significance of our revolution and its policies. They hate our incorruptible diplomats who represent Cuba in the United States. But they show



Carlos Rafael Rodríguez

the same hatred toward those young people who were dragged away from this island as children and have now had their consciences awakened.

These youth, who see the prestige and respect the revolution has brought the homeland in which they were born, now feel it to be their own. They are rising up to proclaim their pride and to publicize the reality of renovated Cuba.

Thus the gangsters murdered Carlos Muñiz Varela with equal cowardice. As a member of the Antonio Maceo Brigade, Carlos contributed to improving the understanding of socialist Cuba. They killed him just as they killed Félix García, the Cuban diplomat at the United Nations who happened to be the easiest target.

'A firm fighter'

In Félix García Rodríguez, Cuba loses a firm fighter. The Ministry of Foreign Relations loses a loyal and dedicated functionary. He came from among the people, and educated himself through his own efforts. For him, the revolution was both a joy and a duty. From the days of the Directorate and the July 26 Movement, he took

part in the struggle against Batista's tyranny. He spent time in jail, and he knew dangers. The victory of the revolution allowed him to serve with dedication and passion the people from whom he came.

Whenever the homeland called on him, Félix García was there. He shared the trenches of day-to-day labor. He worked long and hard at voluntary tasks in agriculture and construction.

Everything about him called for life. Nothing gave him more satisfaction than to help his comrades. He did so with such enthusiasm that, while carrying out his continual and tireless work, he seemed instead to be at an unending fiesta. He radiated understanding and optimism; perhaps for that reason it was not difficult for the criminals to do their infamous deed.

'Impunity of crime'

His death hurts all the more because of the impunity with which the crime took place. Faced with the ongoing threats to our officials in New York, Cuba's official denunciations and warnings have not been lacking. Being the host country of the United Nations imposes obligations [on the United States]. It demands that representatives of the countries that make up this organ of the international community enjoy safeguards that cannot be violated by unscrupulous gangsters.

The death of Félix García has been publicly condemned by the United States. They have also sent condolences to Cuba, in a message from President Carter. If Félix's death serves to put an end to the cowardly acts of those who uselessly seek to silence the revolution, intimidate its representatives, and strike blows against its defenders, this would be Félix's final service to the homeland and to socialism, which he loved so much.

We will await the test of events. Meanwhile, our people's anger and renewed combativity, as we gather around the body of Félix García and accompany it in an impressive procession, is the response to the miserable elements that carried out this crime. It answers as well those who call for aggressive policies against Cuba, who

seek to intimidate Latin America, and who proclaim a return to the days of servitude. Let them all recall what Fidel said about the tears of the people on another sad day like this one.

From now on, Félix García's name is inscribed on the long list of those who have fallen for our homeland. He joins Adriana Corcho, Efrén Monteagudo, and Sergio Pérez as another example of those who represent the revolution on foreign soil and who, knowing the enemy was lying in wait, never stepped back from their duty.

The people and the party will carry the name of this incorruptible fighter into history.

Castro on terrorism

Fidel Castro spoke to a mass rally in the Plaza of the Revolution in Havana October 15, 1976. It was a week after seventy-three people were killed when terrorists blew up a Cuban Airlines plane in the air near Barbados.

In that speech he said:

"Imperialism, capitalism, fascism, neocolonialism, racism, man's brutal exploitation of man in all its forms and manifestations, is approaching its end in humanity's history, and their maddened lackeys know it; that is why their reactions are ever more desperate, more hysterical, more cynical, more impotent. Only that can explain such repugnant and absurd crimes as the one in Barbados. . . .

"We cannot say that the sorrow is shared. The sorrow is multiplied. Millions of Cubans shed their tears today together with the dear ones of the victims of the abominable crime. And when an energetic and forceful people cry, injustice trembles!

"Patria o Muerte! Venceremos!"

Protests condemn murder, demand action

By Vivian Sahner

Outraged by the murder of Félix García Rodríguez, people from across the country organized protest activities demanding that the U.S. government apprehend and prosecute the killers.

The Cuban Coordinating Council of San Francisco sponsored a September 12 picket at the federal building there. More than fifty people, including members of Casa Nicaragua, Casa El Salvador, Antonio Maceo Brigade, and reporters from *Black Scholar*, participated in the picket, which called for full protection for the Cuban Mission and an end to Omega 7-type attacks.

Outside the Justice Department in Washington, D.C., on September 12, protesters chanted, "Justice Department start today, stop Omega 7 in the USA."

The Washington Coalition Against Registration and the Draft (W-CARD), sent the following declaration to Carter, "The Washington Coalition Against Registration and the Draft thoroughly condemns the brutal assassination of Cuban UN attaché Félix García Rodríguez, by the terrorist exile group Omega 7. This cowardly act was an attack on everyone who speaks out against U.S. government policies in the Caribbean and Central America.

"W-CARD stands in opposition to your administration's attempts to reinstitute the draft and against the grow-



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ing U.S. military intervention into the civil war in El Salvador. This latest assassination, if left unpunished, will encourage a climate of violence against U.S. citizens who disagree with the government's belligerent foreign policy. W-CARD demands that the FBI immediately apprehend the Omega 7 killers responsible."

"Omega 7 pulled the trigger, the CIA held the gun," was the chant at the September 14 picket at the Santa Clara County Building in San José. The protest was called by the San José Nicaragua Solidarity Committee, the Solidarity Committee for a Free El Salvador, and the Socialist Workers Party.

Reporters from KTAR radio, KPHO-TV, and the *Scottsdale Progress* in Phoenix interviewed Josefina Otero, Socialist Workers candidate for U.S. Senate in Arizona. Otero, a member of United Steelworkers Local 3937, asked that telegrams be sent to the White House condemning Rodríguez's murder. The press noted that Otero's opponents for the Senate seat have been silent about this assassination.

In Philadelphia, the Puerto Rican Socialist Party, Venceremos Brigade and SWP organized a picket line at the federal building on September 12. They demanded the arrest of the Omega 7 killers and called on the U.S. government to end the blockade of Cuba.

The Chicago Cuba Committee sponsored a picket line on September 12.

Thirty-five members of United Steelworkers Local 15271 in Chicago sent a petition to the U.S. Attorney General, which noted, "Credit for this murder has been claimed by Omega 7, a Cuban exile terrorist group that was originally trained and organized by the CIA." They demanded immediate arrest and prosecution of these murderers.

Kevin Lynch, editor of the *Distributive Worker*, the Distributive Workers of America's newspaper, told the *Militant*, "We share with the public feeling of outrage that this cold-blooded murder could take place on the streets of New York. We strongly feel every effort should be made to put an end to such terrorist organizations."

Casa Nicaragua, one of the organizers of a September 12 picket at the UN, declared that the assassination "is yet another provocation against the socialist island of Cuba, and we express our solidarity with the Cuban people for the death of compañero Félix García Rodríguez. We are against this terrorism, which is one more part of imperialism's provocations."

Referring to the U.S. authorities, Casa Nicaragua added that "they try to say that they are working on the investigation of the assassination, but

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Why Cuba's UN mission is assassins' target

By Fred Feldman

On August 20 the United Nations Special Decolonization Committee submitted a resolution demanding that the U.S. government "adopt all necessary measures to make a full transfer of powers to the Puerto Rican people."

This resolution, like other United Nations statements in favor of Puerto Rican independence that have angered the Carter administration, was guided to passage by members of Cuba's mission to the United Nations.

In recent days U.S. diplomats have prowled the halls of the United Nations, drumming up support for recognition of the Pol Pot regime as the only "legitimate" government of Kampuchea (Cambodia)—even though Pol Pot's mass murderers have been out of power for almost

two years!

They will meet strenuous opposition—again with Cuba's delegation in the forefront.

Such stands are among the reasons why Cuba's U.N. mission has become a prime target for right-wing terrorists.

Cuba carries increased weight at the United Nations these days, and the Carter administration isn't concealing its unhappiness about this. Cuba now heads the group of Non-aligned countries. Castro spoke to the United Nations as leader of the Non-aligned last October, and received a standing ovation for a powerful attack on the imperialist plunder of Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

Cuba just missed being elected to a seat on the United Nations Security Council last January.

Much of the daily work of coordinating the Non-aligned occurs at the United Nations, where almost all the member nations are represented. And Cuba's United Nations delegation naturally plays a central role in this.

The U.S. rulers know Cuban influence will be used to aid the struggles of the oppressed and to oppose U.S. imperialism. Not just in the cases of Puerto Rico and Kampuchea, but in Southern Africa, the Middle East, Central America—in short, around the world.

Cuba's United Nations mission has long represented a breach in Washington's blockade of the island—a means by which the Cuban government can get out the truth about their country and its views to the American people.

So it's not surprising that the

Cuban mission is hated by the Omega 7 hit men—and by the cops and federal agents who cover for them.

But the murder of Félix García Rodríguez does not touch the Cubans alone. The Cubans are among the most consistent opponents of imperialism at the United Nations, but theirs is far from the only delegation to find itself at loggerheads with Washington over key issues.

This is especially true of delegations from Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Soviet bloc.

The murder of García and the refusal of the police to arrest the killers puts all these delegations on notice that they could become targets if they don't toe Washington's line. That's why outrage against the slaying is running deep at the United Nations.

Subscription drive off to good start

By Nancy Rosenstock

The drive to win 8,000 new readers to the *Militant* and *Perspectiva Mundial* this fall is off and rolling.

Saturday, September 13 began the big kick-off week for the drive. Teams of socialist campaigners in at least forty cities were knocking on doors, talking to people about subscribing to the campaign newspapers of Andrew Pulley and Matilde Zimmermann.

While Saturday's results are still coming in, there are already many positive experiences.

Kansas City socialists followed up on their recent victory in winning ballot status for Pulley and Zimmermann by talking about the positions of the campaign with working people in their city. They sold 15 subscriptions on Saturday alone, bringing their total to 35 subscriptions sold.

A major discussion has opened up in the union movement on the need for a labor party. This discussion took a big step forward when the recent convention of the International Association of Machinists voted to support the idea of a pro-labor party.

The labor party coverage has spurred on the selling of new subscriptions. Milwaukee socialists report a good response to the *Militant's* coverage of the labor party discussion in their door-to-door campaigning in Black working class neighborhoods. This past Saturday, they sold 15 new subscriptions to the *Militant* and signed up 18 young people on Young Socialists for Pulley and Zimmermann cards.

Socialists who work in the giant Lockheed plant in Atlanta have met with a similar friendly response. One Pulley/Zimmermann supporter sold 7 new subscriptions to the *Militant* after she posted the article reporting on the IAM convention on the plant bulletin board. In fact, Atlanta socialists are doing so well in the drive that they are the first area to raise their goal—from

100 to 120 new readers.

A big part of the fall circulation drive is the fielding of twenty national subscription/campaign teams. A team of three socialists in the Newport News area of Virginia just wrapped up their week of campaigning among steelworkers in the heavily industrialized area. During the course of the week thirty-two new subscriptions were sold, as well as 152 single copies of the *Militant*.

And this week, a team of campaigners are out in the mining communities of southwestern Arizona where thousands of miners have been on a long strike.

The circulation drive this fall takes on extra importance as the socialist candidates, Pulley and Zimmermann, step up their defense of the Cuban revolution. The *Militant* and *PM* will be highlighting this in upcoming issues. They will be explaining to working people that their interests lie with the workers and peasants of Cuba and not with Carter's attacks against Cuba. They will be pointing to the kind of movement that is needed here to put an end to right wing terrorist attacks against Cuban officials in this country or against any supporter of the Cuban revolution.

The big business press will continue with its attacks against Cuba and against other revolutionary developments in Central America and the Caribbean.

The *Militant* and *Perspectiva Mundial* will continue telling the truth about these revolutions.

Since the drive began, supporters in Central Falls, Rhode Island, and Logansport, Indiana, have joined the growing number of readers that are circulating the *Militant* and *PM*. Why not join us in campaigning for the socialist candidates by circulating their newspapers. Just write to 14 Charles Lane, New York, New York 10014, and we will rush the subscription sellers kit to you.

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it is obvious that what they're trying to do is confuse public opinion. They know who the murderers are, no doubt about it."

A spokesperson for the Puerto Rican Socialist Party in New York also commented to the *Militant* about the role of the government: "We demand a complete investigation. We want to remind the government that this is not the first time, we remember the murder of Eulalio Negrín in Union City, New Jersey. We think the FBI and the CIA are holding back."

On September 13, eighty people attended a Pittsburgh protest rally where

Linda Mohrbacher, Socialist Workers candidate for U.S. Senate, and Liz Hughes, Citizen's and Consumer's Party candidate for Congress, denounced the murder. The rally participants voted to send a telegram to the White House, part of which reads, "We hold the U.S. government responsible for this murder in cold blood, since the government shields and encourages right-wing groups like Omega 7."

"We demand that the government provide full protection to the Cuban Mission and their attachés and also demand the immediate arrest and prosecution of those responsible for this heinous crime."



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November 16-30

The *Militant* and *Perspectiva Mundial* invite you to travel with us on a two-week tour of Cuba.

After spending several days in Havana the tour will fly to Santiago de Cuba, birthplace of the Revolution. The next week will be spent traveling across the island. The tour will visit the cities of Camaguey, Las Villas, and Santa Clara.

During the two weeks we will have time to meet with representatives of the Cuban Workers Confederation, Federation of Cuban Women, Committees for the Defense of the Revo-

lution, and other organizations. Also we will visit schools, hospitals, polyclinics, housing developments, and factories.

The tour departs from Miami November 15 and returns there on the 29th of November. The cost is \$850. This includes hotel, meals, roundtrip travel from Miami to Cuba, travel in Cuba, visa fees, and bilingual tour guides.

For more information write to *Militant/PM* Cuba Tours, P.O. Box 314, New York, N.Y. 10014



Matilde Zimmermann campaigns at Stewart-Warner plant in Indianapolis

Continuing crimes, no arrests

Governmental complicity with Omega 7

By Harry Ring

On a Sunday afternoon last November, Eulalio Negrín, accompanied by his son, twelve, was entering his car in Union City, New Jersey. A car pulled up with two men in it. They began shooting. The boy escaped. Negrín was killed.

The counterrevolutionary Cuban terrorists of Omega 7 took public credit for the assassination.

To this day there has not been a single arrest in the case.

Negrín was a prominent figure in Union City's large Cuban community.

He was active in Republican Party politics and headed a social service program for Cuban emigrés.

But he favored an end to the blockade of Cuba and normalization of U.S.-Cuba relations.

Union City is a base of operations for Omega 7. Its front organization, the Cuban Nationalist Movement, has a public headquarters there. It has powerful friends in city hall.

Earlier, Negrín's storefront social agency had been destroyed by a bomb. Omega 7 took credit for that too—along with the bombing of a drug company that shipped medicine to Cuba.

In the previous months, Negrín had received some ten threats on his life. The police refused him protection. An aide to the mayor said the city couldn't "afford the luxury" of protecting individual citizens.

The murderers of Eulalio Negrín did not go unapprehended simply because they have political clout in Union City.

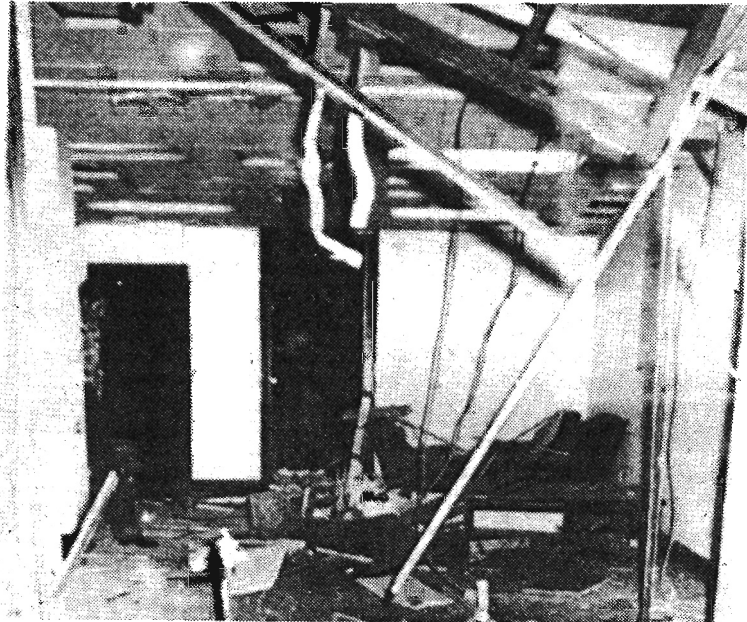
Muñiz killing

Seven months earlier, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Carlos Muñiz, a young Cuban working for an end to the blockade of his homeland, was also gunned down by the right-wing killers.

Those who committed that murder have not been apprehended either.

Five members of Omega 7 participated in the 1976 assassination of Orlando Letelier, who had been an official of the Allende government of Chile.

Three were convicted but a federal appeals court just ruled they should have a new trial. Two are still at large. Federal authorities say they simply



Wreckage at Cuban Mission to UN from October 1979 bombing by Omega 7.

can't find them. But the FBI did name them as "prime suspects" in the bombing of Negrín's storefront office.

And at the scene of the murder of Félix García, a reporter for New York's Channel 11 TV, openly stated his belief that the two gunmen could well be in the area.

In the past five years, Omega 7 has taken credit for twenty-two bombings in the New York-New Jersey area—including five at the Cuban Mission to the UN.

There has not been a single arrest. Last March, Raúl Roa, Cuban ambassador to the UN, escaped miraculously when the driver of his car spotted a shoe box underneath the car.

It contained enough explosives, New York police said, to blow up a city block.

Still not one arrest. New York's Mayor Koch says he's "outraged" by the murder of Cuban attaché García. At the time of the last bombing of the Cuban Mission, Koch offered Omega 7 the fatherly advice that they were "doing their own cause a great disservice."

Koch does have one defense for his do-nothing policy about Omega 7. He can argue, convincingly, that the federal government isn't doing anything either.

Four months ago, as the stench of the coverup grew stronger, the federal government announced that the FBI and New York police were establishing a special task force to deal with Omega 7. The joint team includes twenty-two people.

They haven't accomplished much. Following the García murder, FBI officials told reporters they still weren't certain what the name Omega 7 meant, or how many members it might have. They said it might be as few as seven. That shrewd bit of police thinking may have been deduced from the organization's name.

September 15, FBI Agent Larry Whack told reporters he's been "investigating" Omega 7 for the past five years.

He said that over this period of time the FBI had developed a list of people it "suspected" were members of the

organization and that agents were now beginning to question them about the García murder. So far, he said, progress was "slight."

All of this is such a patent fraud that even cops must blush in telling it.

Federal and local police agencies have penetrated every conceivable kind of organization, from right to left.

Cops in Klan & Nazis

In the current trial of Klan and Nazi members who murdered five Communist Workers Party members in Greensboro, North Carolina, it was revealed that an agent of the federal bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms was operating in the Nazi outfit, and a local police operative was in the Klan.

It was disclosed that both were involved in planning the murderous operation.

Federal and local authorities are determined to keep hands off Omega 7. Not simply because they sympathize with its anti-Cuba activity. The cops are in it up to their necks themselves.

Jeff Stein, a reporter who has done substantial digging into Omega 7, had this to say in the March 10 New York *Village Voice*:

"In the Dade County [Florida] police department, terrorism experts exchange smiles and look down at their hands when you ask them if the CIA's involved with exile anti-Castro activities. They look to each other to answer first, clear their throats, shift in their seats. The answer is yes."

In New York a police official told Stein: "You get just so far on a case and suddenly the dust is blown away. Case closed. You ask the CIA to help, and they say they aren't really interested. You get the message."

For good reason. The CIA has recruited and trained Cuban counterrevolutionaries ever since the revolution. The CIA-directed Bay of Pigs invasion was simply its most publicized effort.

The whole record leads to a single conclusion. Omega 7 has had a free hand to bomb and murder because it is carrying out the work of the United States government—a government that is determined to defeat the Cuban revolution by any means necessary.

A grim record of murders and bombings

Since the Cuban revolution came to power in 1959, Washington has waged a systematic campaign of violence against it.

In the early years of the revolution, there was a series of bombings of sugar mills and other installations.

Other acts of sabotage and arson were conducted by CIA infiltrators. It was publicly acknowledged that the CIA had plotted a series of assassination attempts against Fidel Castro.

In 1960, a French ship, *La Coubre*, exploded in the Havana harbor while unloading an arms shipment. United States involvement was proven.

In 1961 came the notorious CIA invasion at the Bay of Pigs.

In 1969-70 clouds were seeded with chemicals in an attempt to ruin the sugar harvest. A virus that did extensive damage to tobacco crops was smuggled in.

The following is a chronology of crimes against Cuba beginning in 1976, when Omega 7 entered the picture.

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1976

April 22: A bomb explodes in the

Cuban embassy in Lisbon, Portugal.

June 6: A bomb explodes in the Cuban mission to the United Nations. Omega 7 assumes responsibility.

July 9: A bomb explodes in the luggage about to be loaded on a Cubana plane in Kingston, Jamaica.

July 23: Artaignan Diaz Diaz, a technician, is assassinated in Mérida, Mexico, when two individuals attempt to kidnap the Cuban consul.

October 6: Cubana de Aviacion's CUT-1201 is criminally sabotaged, exploding in mid-flight off the coast of Barbados. All seventy-three passengers die.

1977

January 9: The New York daily *Newsday* says the CIA was involved in introducing a virus into Cuba, which in 1971 caused an outbreak of African swine fever.

December 20: Bombs are set off at two stores named Almacén el Español, one in Union City and the other in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Both had been sending medical supplies to Cuba. Omega 7 assumes responsibility.

1978

September 9: A bomb explodes at the

Cuban mission to the United Nations. Omega 7 assumes responsibility.

October 5: A bomb is exploded outside of New York City's Madison Square Garden to protest the appearance of Cuban boxers there. Omega 7 assumes responsibility.

December 29: Bombs explode at the Cuban mission to the UN and at Lincoln Center, where a Cuban orchestra was giving a concert. Omega 7 assumes responsibility.

1979

March 25: The Office of Cuban Affairs in West New York, New Jersey, is bombed. Almacén el Español in Union City, New Jersey, is bombed as well. Omega 7 assumes responsibility.

April 28: Carlos Muñiz Varela, a



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leader among Cubans abroad who advocate normalization of relations and an end to the U.S. blockade against Cuba, was gunned down by counterrevolutionary thugs in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Omega 7 assumes responsibility.

October 27: A high-powered bomb explodes in front of the Cuban UN mission. Omega 7 assumes responsibility.

November 25: Eulalio José Negrín, an opponent of the U.S. blockade against Cuba and a participant in the "dialogue" between Cubans abroad and the Cuban government, is murdered by rightist goons in Union City, New Jersey. Omega 7 assumes responsibility.

December 7: The Cuban mission to the UN is bombed. Omega 7 assumes responsibility.

1980

March 13: The Angolan mission to the UN is firebombed by Omega 7, protesting Cuban aid to Angola.

March 25: Enough plastic explosives to have blown up a city block is placed under the car of Raúl Roa Kouri, Cuba's ambassador to the UN. Omega 7 assumes responsibility.

