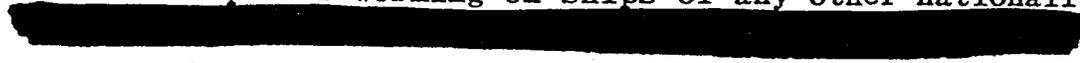


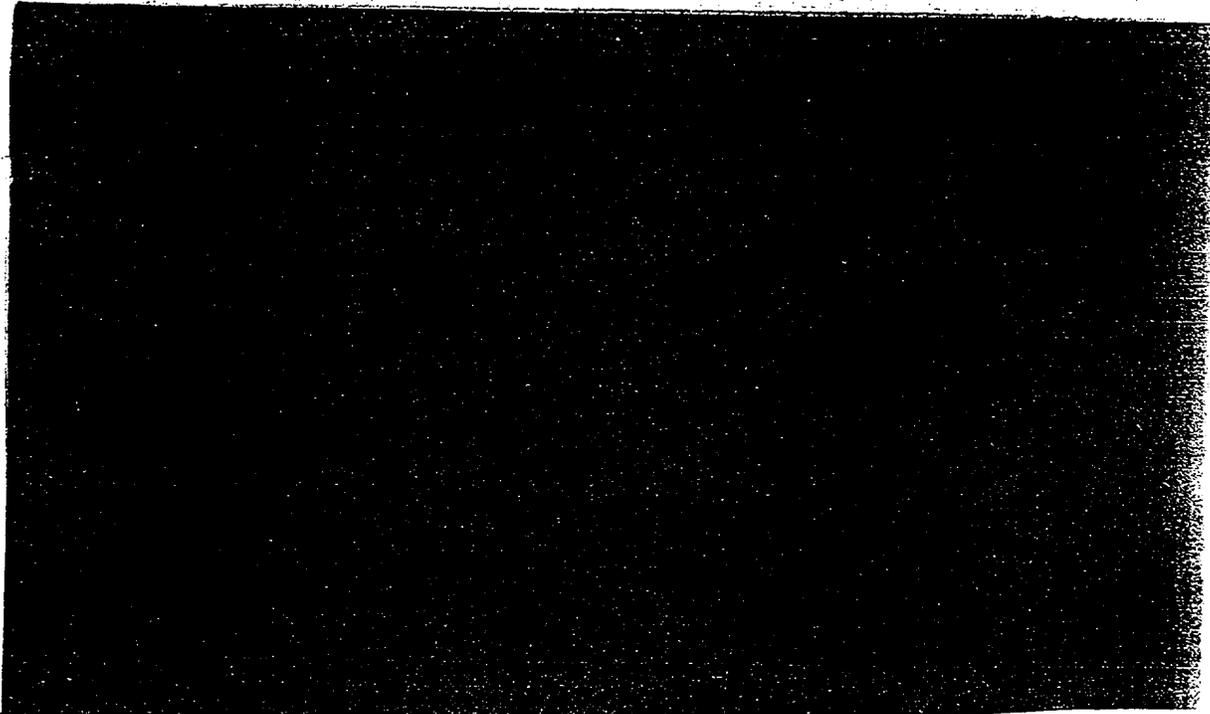
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10. Anti-Communist Sentiment Mounting on Havana Waterfront:
The effects of a drastic reduction of shipping to Cuban ports and a Communist drive to gain control of all waterfront unions and merge them into a single large union have combined to cause significant unrest among longshoremen and stevedores in Havana, and presumably in other Cuban ports. According to the office of the US naval attaché, waterfront workers have averaged one day's pay per week for the past three weeks and have been complaining publicly. Non-Communists among the workers are more and more associating their problems with Communism, and there is open opposition to a Communist takeover of the unions. The attaché office comments that although lower income groups are becoming aware for the first time of the Communist issue and its ramifications, there is still no sign of coordinated anti-Communist propaganda activity.

Another factor which has probably contributed to anti-Communist sentiment on the waterfront is the enforcement of strict standards by Soviet ships loading Cuban sugar. They reject sugar bags that are torn or otherwise imperfect and the normally easygoing Cuban stevedores resent having to carry the rejected bags back to the dock. The Soviet standards are apparently unusually onerous, and Cuban stevedores are said to prefer working on ships of any other nationality.



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