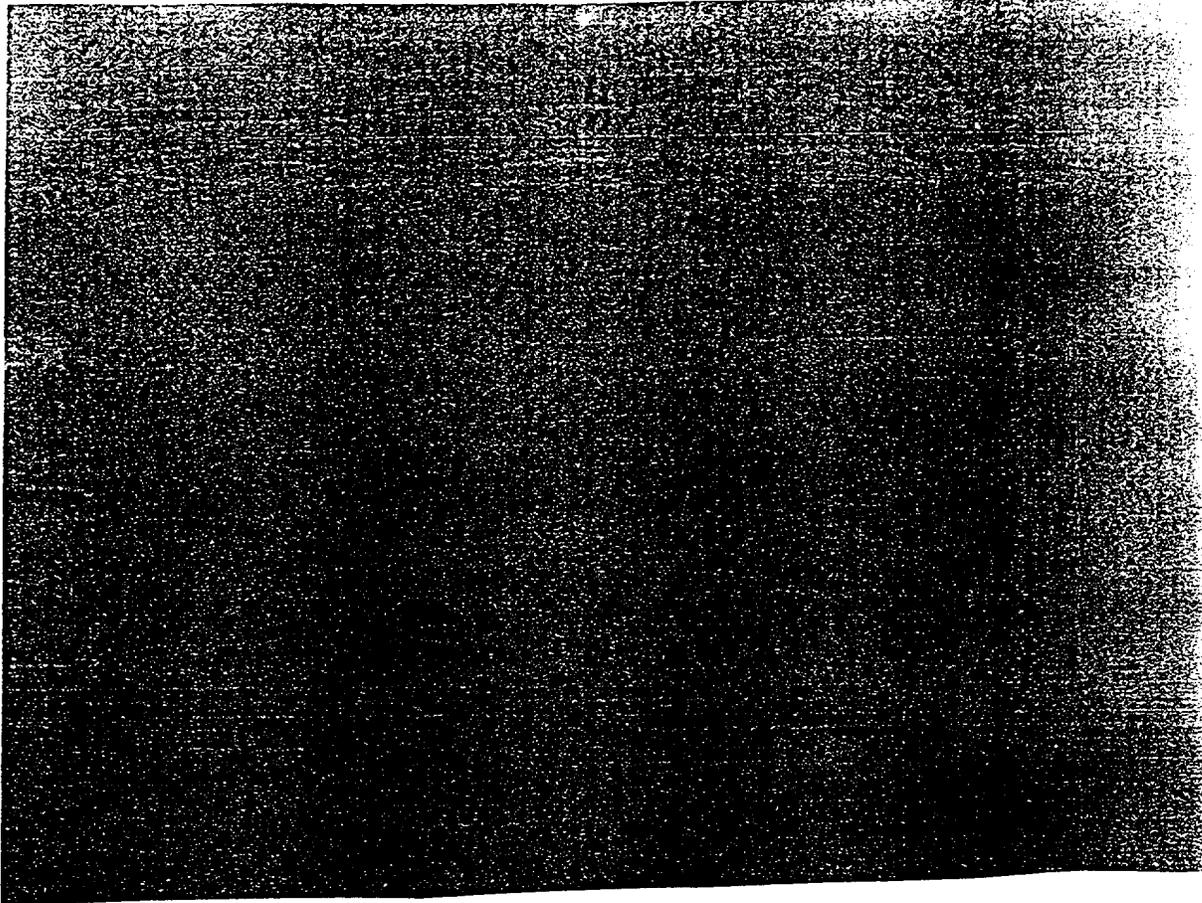


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9. Mexico Gives Visiting Cuban President Warm Welcome:  
Mexican Minister of Government Gustavo Diaz Ordaz has said, according to a usually reliable source, that the rousing reception of Cuban President Dorticos by an estimated 15,000 people in Mexico City on 9 June was planned by the Mexican Government as a means of frustrating the efforts of local leftist groups to exploit the visit and embarrass the government. Information received prior to 9 June reportedly indicated that Mexican Communist and Marxist political parties, front groups, and left-wing labor organizations were going to use the occasion to attack the Mexican and US governments.

Prior to Dorticos' arrival, Mexico City newspapers carried paid advertisements signed by Diaz Ordaz and other federal officials urging Mexicans to give a warm welcome to the

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Cuban leader. Sharp editorial criticism of the Castro regime --which has generally been a feature of those papers speaking for the Mexican Government--diminished significantly. Known anti-Castro Cubans in the Mexico City area were rounded up and detained.

Both official and popular reception of Dorticos was warmer in Mexico than in any of the five Latin American nations he visited earlier on his current tour. The government-controlled press in Cuba has given the Dorticos reception in Mexico maximum propaganda play, and it has held that the enthusiastic welcome constitutes an endorsement of Cuba's revolutionary program and confirms the "unprecedented success" of the Cuban President's tour.

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