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The Soviet ship Ilya Mech-
nikov arrived at Havana with a
4,000-ton cargo on 8, September,
the first major bloc arms ship-
ment to the Castro regime. The
cargo apparently included
armored vehicles, artillery, and
a variety of other weapons and
equipment. Jet aircraft also
may have been delivered. In
July, four or five Soviet MI-4
helicopters and at least 10,000
Czech rifles and submachine
guns had been delivered to
Havana.

the opening of the UN General
Assembly, according to


The Cuban Government has
announced that Fidel Castro
himself is to head Cuba's UN
General Assembly delegation,
which will also include Foreign
Minister Roa and Nunez Jimenez,
the head of Cuba's Communist-
dominated Agrarian Reform In-
stitute. Castro will use the
world forum for further attacks
on the United States and to
hold up his revolution as an ex-
ample for all underdeveloped
nations and colonial areas. The
Cuban delegation is expected
to support the Soviet position
on all important issues.

Following Castro's 2 Sep-
tember announcement that Cuba
will establish relations with
Peiping, the head of the Ha-
vana office of the New China
News Agency has notified the
Cuban Foreign Ministry that he
had been designated by Peiping
to negotiate the exchange of
diplomatic missions. Numerous
mass organizations in Communist
China have sent congratulatory
messages to their counterparts
in Cuba since Castro's speech.

Meanwhile, open opposi-
tion to Castro inside Cuba is
still uncoordinated and lacks
effective leadership. The
Castro forces apparently have
had no success in routing the
guerrilla bands that have been
forming in the Escambray Moun-
tains of central Cuba for some

Khrushchev will pay his
long-promised visit to Cuba
after his trip to New York for



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months. Castro publicly minimized the importance of the guerrillas on 9 September, but the regime actually appears to be taking the threat of a guerrilla build-up seriously. Unconfirmed reports allege that the head of the National Bank, "Che" Guevara, whose experience in guerrilla warfare the regime regards highly, oversaw antiguerrilla operations between 9 and 12 September.

The Cuban consul in Hong Kong broke with the Castro regime on 12 September and wants to come to the United States.

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