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16. Communists Extending Cuba-based Activities in Latin America: Communists or pro-Communists from fifteen Latin American countries attended the closing ceremonies of the "Week of Solidarity with the Struggles of the Latin American Peoples" in Havana on 26 March. The "solidarity week" was proclaimed by the Cuban Labor Confederation (CTC), the Communist-infiltrated labor arm of the Castro regime, and warmly endorsed by the Cuban Communist party.

Vicente Lombardo Toledano, veteran Mexican Communist labor leader and head of the Communist-front Confederation of Latin American Workers (CTAL), was among the participants in "solidarity week." During his stay in Havana he is reported to have met with six other Latin American labor leaders to draft a constitution for a proposed new regional labor organization of a "neutralist" orientation and excluding the United States. This project is in accordance with plans discussed in Moscow in early 1959 by representatives of 19 Latin American Communist parties, and has recently been promoted by the principal labor organizations in Cuba and Chile, both of which are strongly Communist influenced.

At the close of "solidarity week" a manifesto was issued calling for the initiation of an "anti-imperialist and anti-feudal revolution in all Latin America" and the strengthening of Latin American solidarity with the Cuban revolution. A Cuban CTC leader announced plans

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at the same time for a "great Latin American congress to create the apparatus to fight the common enemy...imperialism." He said Cuban delegations will leave on 1 May for other Latin American countries "to give them help and to request aid for the Cuban revolution." Many of the week's manifestations stressed the "unfortunate plight" of Puerto Rico, "still under the bondage of the common enemy."

Cuba is rapidly becoming a base for Communist activities in the rest of Latin America. The "Latin American Congress," which was promised at the "solidarity week" rally, could serve the purposes of the ostensibly non-Communist "peoples' conference" planned during the early 1959 meetings in Moscow. The increased liaison among Latin American Communists, now possible in Cuba, and the hemispheric "peace conference" planned for Havana in May or June were also elements in the program developed then in Moscow.

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