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Russia Steps Up Training Of Latins in Red Tactics

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LONDON, Oct. 6 (UPI) — Russia is stepping up the training in Moscow of Latin Americans, including instructions in guerrilla tactics.

This year's student body at Lumumba University in Moscow includes a large proportion of students from Latin America. The rest come from Africa, Southeast Asia and the Middle East. But the Latin American contingent is the largest.

The massive intake of Latin Americans is motivated by the "new dawn" of the liberation campaign throughout the continent.

Their training includes instruction in stirring and leading revolutions against existing regimes through propaganda, subversion and reportedly also through the use of force.

The move coincides with wider efforts now under way for communist incursions into Latin America which, after

Africa, is considered also by Peking most ripe for sweeping revolution.

Rivalry With China

Behind the stepped up effort emerges the mounting rivalry between Russia and Red China for leadership of the unaligned countries, with Moscow showing signs of crowing restiveness over Peking's spreading influence.

The desire to move into Latin America more forcefully than hitherto and on a more organized basis has prompted the Afro-Asia Peoples' Solidarity Organization to arrange an Afro-Asian-Latin American conference in Havana early in the new year.

A preliminary meeting took place in Cairo last month to begin planning for the projected Havana conference next January.

A preparatory committee was set up which includes representatives from Cuba and from left wing or communist groupings in Chile, Guatemala, Mexico, Uruguay and Venezuela.

The keynote is on "national liberation" and "anti-imperialism," with Red China claiming the lead because of her uncompromising policy of anti-Americanism and of "revolutionary liberation."

Chinese Hopeful

The Chinese are believed to be hopeful that the extension of the Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization would give them a much coveted channel into Latin America where their influence has so far been comparatively small.

Russia, worried about the unrelenting Communist Chinese push into the unaligned world, is taking precautions to block Peking's advance or at least to slow it down and keep it within narrow limits.

Hence the increased references lately from Moscow to Russia's support for liberation movements and stepped up Soviet measures to underpin the ideological pronouncements.