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Cuba Bidding to Recapture the Spotlight

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Fidel Castro's Cuban regime, far from accepting its latter-day absence from the center of the world stage, is bidding to recapture world importance.

Castro expects to accomplish this thru the Havana meeting of far-leftist parties to be held from next Jan. 3-10.

U. S. official observers expect the following:

First, they foresee that the Cubans will try to pack the meeting with those Latin American far-leftist parties that follow Moscow's line — a line that Havana ostensibly follows.

Second, they believe that Cuba may push a move at the meeting to include Latin American leftist parties in the world organization called the Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization, the AAPSO.

Once the AAPSO is enlarged to become an Afro-Asian-Latin American Peoples' Solidarity Organization — perhaps to be called the AALAPSO — the Havana-Moscow axis would be in a position to try to take it over.

At present, the AAPSO's pro-Peking tinge is demonstrated by the organization's decision to hold its next world meeting in Red China. But if Cuba can get the AAPSO reorganized as the AALAPSO, this can be used as an excuse to reopen the question of where the next meeting should be held.

An important by-product of the meeting thus could be the inclusion of only Moscow-blessed Latin American leftist parties in the big international family of far-left organizations.

And if Havana could thus divorce from the important world organization all of Latin American leftist parties except those that owe allegiance to

Moscow, it would help the Latin American Moscow-liners.

Such achievements would obviously send Cuba's stock high with Moscow.

So far, representatives of both Moscow and Peking Communist Parties are expected to attend the Havana meeting.

Havana has already set a pattern in inviting the five Latin American parties that have joined Cuba on the organizing committee. They are:

Venezuela's Frente Armado de Liberacion Nacional (FALN), Chile's Frente de Accion Popular (FRAP), Mexico's Movimiento de Liberacion Nacional, (MLN), all considered both pro-Castro and pro-Moscow, along with the pro-Castro Frente Izquierdista de Liberacion (FIDEL) and the Frente Armado Rebelde of Guatemala, the military wing of that country's pro-Moscow Communist Party.