

JUL 3 0 1964

# Viet Guerrillas In Cuba Training Latin Invaders

By VIRGINIA PREWETT

Special to The N. Y. Journal-American

WASHINGTON, July 30.—Cuba's Fidel Castro is forging open links with the Communist Viet Cong of Southeast Asia. He is making Cuba a training ground where battle-toughened Vietnamese teach guerrilla skills to Latin Americans.

In the past six months more than 18 delegations of experienced guerrilla leaders from Southeast Asia have arrived in Havana.

The U.S. Citizens Committee for a Free Cuba, a bi-partisan organization sponsored by nationally-known Americans, says the Viet-Cong delegations are arriving via Red China.

## LINK TO RIOTS

Cuba is also providing a link between the Vietnamese guerrillas and the U.S. Communist group identified as partly responsible for the recent New York race riots.

The Progressive Labor Movement whose chairman William Epton was arrested in connection with the trouble, was found in possession of films of Viet Cong activity. The PLM also helped organize both the 1963 and 1963 U.S. "student" junkets to Castroland.

The 75 U.S. students now visiting Cuba under PLM sponsorship on June 26 met with what Havana's "Radio Progreso" calls the "permanent" front of South Viet Nam.

## WATCH FILMS

Castro's propaganda broadcast on June 29 reported that the U.S. Students "conversed extensively" with the Vietnamese Communists and saw "documentary movies of the fighting of South Vietnamese guerrillas."

According to another radio report, the scenes showed U. S. Army helicopters knocked out of the air by the Viet Cong.

Castro's government is stressing a link between the Viet Cong and the Communist-backed guerrillas now troubling Venezuela. Both organizations have the same name—the National Liberation Front.

The main theme of Castro's July 26 celebration marking his movement's birthday appeared on parade standards that said:

"Imperialists, hands off South Viet Nam" and "Long Live the Heroic Fight of the Venezuelan People."

On July 10, Havana broadcast a "joint declaration" by the Vietnamese and Venezuelan guerrillas.

"Conclusions were reached," said Havana, "that North American imperialism in the past several months has concentrated all its force to crush the revolutionary movements in the two countries but that, nevertheless the patriots continue advancing militarily and politically."

A Guatemalan Communist, Manuel Galich, in a broadcast

to Central America, has also called the Viet Cong type of warfare Guatemala's "only path to liberation."

## 'HERO' ARRIVES

The latest contingent to arrive in Cuba from Southeast Asia is headed by a man the Havana propaganda machine calls "the legendary hero of the mountains of Viet Nam, Comrade Ngo of the popular army of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam."

"Comrade Ngo" is being lionized as a national guest at mass meetings throughout Cuba.

Once they have done their propaganda turn, the Viet Cong guerrillas are added to the permanent staffs of foreign military instructors in ten Cuban camps now preparing young Latin Americans for subversive warfare.

North American Newspaper Alliance