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# Castro's Confession Fails to Slow Backers

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Widel Castro's defiant revelation that he has been a Communist all along hasn't slowed the activities of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

That is the organization formed in April, 1960, and dedicated to the proposition that Castro was only an honest revolutionary persecuted by American big-business interests.

Through newspaper advertisements and membership solicitations, the committee defended Castro as a liberator who sought justice for oppressed Cubans. It denied Castro was Communist-linked, denied he suppressed human rights, denied he confiscated property, denied he bargained with the Russians for munitions.

Although Senate investigators reported the committee "was one of the main outlets in this country for pro-Castro and pro-Communist propaganda," the committee continues to spread its message and solicit new members.

A new chapter was formed in Washington in September. It met here Friday night to hear David Dellinger, a Glen Gardner (N. J.) printer. On April 30, he led a group who picketed the Central Intelligence Agency here in protest of the April 17 "invasion." He was sentenced to 10 days in jail for that.

In his speech Friday night he told some 50 persons at Washington Fellowship House there was danger the United States might start war against Cuba and that "the United States is still hiring and training counter-revolutionaries."

He said Chester Bowles was "demoted" from his job as under secretary of state and that Adlai E. Stevenson would soon lose his job as ambassador to the United Nations "because they opposed the Cuba invasion."

As Dellinger talked, some listeners in the room in approval and murmured bills.

"Hear, hear," Dellinger charged, the United States "has no right to interfere with Cuba no matter what is going on there. That is the main line of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee propaganda."

Dellinger charged that as part of the April invasion the CIA planned to camouflage a U.S. plane as Cuban and drop a bomb on Miami. He said "I'm loyal to the American people" and to American ideals, but "I'm not loyal to that kind of government."

In a question-and-answer session following his talk one listener asked what effect Castro's speech had kept his Red link hidden had on the work of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

Dellinger replied: "I didn't say he was a Communist; he said he was a Marxist-Leninist. You're trying to make him out a Communist of the absolute worst, plus a liar at the same time."

"It is not true he was a Communist as early as 1953 because at that time the Cuban Communist party thought him only a bourgeois romantic. Would he have taken the chance of destroying his own movement by announcing then that he was a Communist?"

Asked why Castro has held no free elections, Dellinger replied: "Why do labels upset everybody? We support Betancourt (president of Venezuela) because he has elections of a sort, but all that means is that they are putting up the swag together. He did not identify 'they.'"

The committee was organized by Robert Taber of New York. He now is in Cuba.

The committee's New York headquarters is still open despite Castro's recent speech.

Although the phone has been cut off for non-payment of bills.