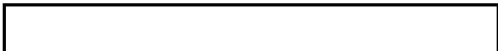


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III. Communist-dominated Latin American Youth Congress began sessions in Havana 29 July.

A. Cubans claim 800 delegates present from all Latin American countries, plus Puerto Rico and US, many of whom were furnished free transportation to Cuba.

B. Delegates also present from most Sino-Soviet bloc countries.

C. Communist domination of congress has met some resistance.

1. Venezuelan Christian democratic youth group withdrew when congress leaders refused to guarantee free and public debate.

2. Leading youth groups of Peru, Bolivia, Chile, boycotted congress and others that went may walk out.

IV. Prominent Communists and pro-Communists from other Latin American countries frequently visit Cuba; some live there.

A. Ex-President Arbenz of Guatemala was present at 26 July rally.

B. Former Guatemalan Communist leader Fortuny has been in Cuba since May.

C. Mexican Communist labor leader Lombardo Toledano is frequent visitor.

D. Beside Guevara, leftist Argentines resident in Cuba include Peron's former ministers of interior and foreign affairs, and Peronista party boss ~~Juan~~ Cooke. Jose Massetti, director of Castro's Prensa Latina, was an editor of Peron's similar Agencia Latina.

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E. Other Communist exiles in Cuba include Nicaraguans, Dominicans, and Haitians

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