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- At the meeting of the National Executive Board of the Partido Socialista Popular (PSP, Cuban Communist Party) held during the week of 7-13 December 1952, Anibal ESCALANTE submitted a preliminary report of his trip to the Soviet Union. He reported on the general policies which are to be followed by all Communist Parties, in accordance with instructions received from the nineteenth Congress of the Communist Party of the USSR. ESCALANTE stated that a more complete general report will be submitted by Blas ROCA upon his return to Cuba. Blas ROCA had been invited to attend as a Fraternal Delegate the Congress of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, then being held in Prague. Dr. Juan MARINELLO, who was then in Vienna attending the Congress of Peoples for Peace as a Cuban delegate, was to join Blas ROCA in Prague.
- According to ESCALANTE's report, the future political line of the Communist Parties of the world will be based upon the principle: "Communism wants peace, it fights for peace, and the Soviet Union is the champion of peace. Peace among peoples is essential so that humanity may avoid the horrors of an atomic war, which would endanger the survival of mankind. Peace must be the tie binding the peoples of the East and of the West. Basically, there is no substantial conflict between the Soviet Union and the capitalistic nations of the West. A peaceful coexistence among the Soviet Union, other Communist countries, and the capitalistic nations, is possible."
- The following instructions relative to internal tasks of the Party have been received from the nineteenth Congress of the Communist Party of the USSR: "True ideological principles must prevail within the Communist Parties, and each member must increase his own ideological education. The Parties will help him to achieve this by means of greater vigilance in the cultural and ideological training of members through the Committees on Reading Control, and through other means. To this end the members will

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be ordered from time to time to attend meetings of a critical and autobiographical nature in order to ascertain the real ideological status of each member. The Party will strive for better organization and more discipline, and toward a better comprehension and interpretation of its responsibility by requiring the members to perform militarily, and without any excuses, the tasks assigned to them, just as soldiers do on the fields of battle."

4. Another important matter discussed by the National Executive Board was the political future of the Party. There is increasing fear within the Party that the new Election Law will destroy its political life. If the present six per cent figure is not modified, the Party will be liquidated. All members, therefore, must join the fight for the Single Front of the Masses, and all Committees must bring about joint action by the opposition parties and the PSP in the fight against the new "Steamroller" Election Law. The argument to be propounded by the Communists in urging other parties to join the attack on the Electoral Code is that the new electoral law can end the life of any political party because of the high percentage of voters required. It was again ordered that each PSP member must obtain a quota of new affiliates to the Party, to augment the number of registered PSP voters.
5. The Executive Board also considered some of the problems of the sugar workers. The propaganda line to be followed by Communists in their dealings with the sugar workers is this: "the sugar crop will be reduced this year solely because the U.S. has cut Cuba's quota".¹
6. Communist labor leaders, therefore, must launch a drive in all sugar-mills to organize immediately Unitarian Fight Committees to fight for the following points: (a) no reduction of salaries in the sugar industry, (b) no restriction in the sugar grinding, (c) sale of the sugar surplus to the Soviet Union, Popular China, and Popular Democracies, (d) condemn the lowering of the Cuban sugar quota by the United States, and urge the Cuban Government to take notice of this new ill-treatment by American imperialism, (e) fight against bulk shipments of sugar, which means hunger for all sugar, railroad, and port workers, (g) fight against shipping sugar in 325 or 250-pound sacks (accepted by the traitors of the anti-Communist Federation of Cuban Workers (CTC), and fight for the use of 200-pound sacks as a maximum.
7. The Communists of the various Unitarian Fight Committees will start the task of gathering signatures of workers in the various sugar unions, in order to request immediate meetings of the unions to discuss the above matters, and to compel the leaders of the non-Communist CTC to fight for the above stated objectives.
8. The National Executive Board decided to increase its agitation in Cuba against the execution of the two atomic spies, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, scheduled to take place some time in January 1953. Among the many acts of agitation, which will increase as the date of execution approaches, will be a flood of telegrams to the American Embassy in Habana protesting against the legalized murder of the Rosenbergs and requesting a commutation of the death penalty.

9. The National Executive Board discussed the Fama Association of Cuba, which is now holding a congress in the Province of Oriente, and which will hold other congresses in the several Provinces. The date for the National Fama Congress has been fixed for 15 August 1953, in the city of Habana.
10. The meeting of the National Executive Board for the week 22-27 December was confined principally to a discussion of the Party's problems arising under the terms of the new Electoral Code. Members of the Board are expressing more and more concern for the future political life of the Party and they are desperately hoping for a revision in the code prior to the next reorganization of the political parties.
11. The PSP has suspended practically all of its less urgent activities in order that it can devote its full energies to the problem of acquiring new affiliates. The plan, which is receiving considerable publicity in the Party press, calls for obtaining 150,000 signatures of persons protesting against the new Electoral Code. The Party is using this campaign to obtain signed protests for the additional purpose of gathering into its ranks the thousands of new recruits which will be required to continue its life as a legal political party.
12. In the eyes of the National Executive Board, each name subscribed as an opponent of the Electoral Code represents a potential Party affiliate. All persons who sign this protest will thereby wittingly or otherwise be adhering to a PSP program and, when once they have come to the attention of the PSP, they will be subjected to its barrage of propaganda and will be invited to attend Party-sponsored activities, ostensibly to continue the fight against the Electoral Code. Shortly before the date set for the reorganization of the political parties, each of the signers of the protest will be paid a personal visit by a Party member and will be asked either to turn over his card to the Party or to pledge himself to be affiliated with the PSP. This recruitment will follow a prolonged and concentrated program of enlisting help in sympathetic Party activities.
13. The Juventud Socialista (JS, Communist Youth group) has been assigned a large part of the responsibility for the successful accomplishment of this program. Acting through its joint action committees, it is expected that the JS will attract young people now affiliated to the youth organizations of other political parties through the natural attraction of such Communist-sponsored programs as the Marti Congress in Defense of the Rights of Youth. The National Executive Board cited the JS for its successful penetration of the Ortodoxo youth. This has been manifested recently in certain acts of insubordination on the part of the Juventud Ortodoxo, which is demanding that the Ortodoxo Party adopt a more co-operative attitude to other opposition parties and specifically that the Partido del Pueblo Cubano (PPC) make a political pact with the PSP.
14. On 30 December 1952 the PSP was to meet with the various Province of Habana Committees for the United Front of the Masses for the purpose of instructing those committees in the organization of their campaign to obtain signatures of protest against the Electoral Code. Similar planning and training meetings will take place immediately in all of the other provinces. With respect to the problem of reaching an understanding with other opposition parties, the National Executive Board stated that, if it becomes politically necessary, the PSP will suspend some of its basic ideological movements for the sake of approaching a common point of understanding with the PPC and other parties sincerely opposed to Batista.

15. The National Executive Board discussed briefly the question of international peace, and general plans were laid for inaugurating a nation-wide peace offensive upon the return of the delegates from the Peace Congress in Vienna. Following general Communist tactics, this offensive will be carried out on a geographical as well as on a trade and occupational level. Meetings, conferences, informal propaganda chats, and similar media will be used by the delegates recently returned from Vienna.
16. The National Executive Board is concerned with the apparent lethargy on the part of the rank-and-file members of the Party toward the financial campaign recently initiated by the Party. The PSP had planned to honor all members who paid their assessments on or before 21 December (Stalin's birthday) by giving as a prize one of the commemorative stamps which the Party had printed. The Board is concerned because this incentive apparently has not been enough to induce the faithful to make their contributions, consequently the date has been changed to the 10th of January 1953. The Board feels almost certain that even at this later date the obligations will not be satisfied and that more drastic measures will have to be taken.
17. The Executive Board received a report from the National Union Commission concerning the results obtained by the Confederacion de Trabajadores de America Latina (CTAL) in its invitation to Cuban labor to participate in the fourth General Congress, scheduled for Santiago, Chile. The CTAL has received no direct replies to its invitation, but, on the contrary, the Organizacion Regional Interamericana de Trabajadores, (ORIT) Agrupacion de Trabajadores Latino Americanos Sindicalizados, (ATLAS) and other proletarian groups have issued declarations contradictory to the fourth General Congress and to the politics of the CTAL. As a result of these declarations the National Union Commission is not anticipating the participation of other labor groups in the congress. A campaign will be initiated immediately in all work centers to elect delegates to the CTAL Congress. This follows the pattern successfully established in the election of delegates to the Vienna Peace Congress. At the time that these delegates are elected there will be a collection taken up to help defray expenses. The Executive Board ordered all Communist leaders of local unions to arrange for the participation of delegates in the congress. Such delegates must not be deterred from participating for any reason at all, even though the local union may be a member of a national federation affiliated to the non-Communist CTC.²

1. Source Comment: Actually, the 1953 quota is greater than the 1952 initial quota. However, total production this year may be less, inasmuch as the initial quota for 1952 has been periodically augmented until total sales have reached a figure in excess of the projected 1953 quota. Thus, by using the total sales for 1952 as a comparison with the initial quota for 1953, the Communists hope to derive some propaganda benefit from what will appear to be a reduction of sugar purchases by the U.S.

2. Source Comment: The Communists hope to provoke an incident similar to the case of PEREZ Vidal, who was recently ejected from the CTC for his participation in the Mexico City Congress of the ATLAS.