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POLITICAL

1. During its weekly meeting of 13-20 June 1953, the National Executive Board of the Partido Socialista Popular (PSP, Cuban Communist Party) showed profound disgust and concern at the turn taken by political events in Cuba. As a result of the Montreal Conference, it appears that a national front of opposition is being organized, headed by Carlos PRIO Socarras, Jose PARDO Ilada, and Emilio OCHOA. The Communists had previously hoped that the two latter men would figure prominently in the Communist-inspired Frente Democratico Nacional (FDN, National Democratic Front). As things appear at present, the PSP will be ignored and excluded from the new opposition group. However, it was agreed by the members of the PSP Executive Board to continue to fight the Montreal Charter as an unpractical solution to current political problems, created by a clique of old and unpopular politicians. The Communists will continue to popularize the united-front of the masses committees as the true and correct solution to Cuba's present political crisis. The committees must hasten to convene on a municipal level so that provincial meetings and a national meeting may eventually be held.

LABOR

2. On the labor scene, the problems of the sugar workers of Camaguey Province were discussed, particularly those employed at the Atlantida del Golfo central, who have not as yet received their bonus for this year's high production of sugar.
3. In regard to the Habana port workers, the National Executive Board maintains that the port workers should strike in protest against the amnesty recently granted the assassins of Aracelio IGLESIAS and prohibit them from being allowed to work at the port of Habana. This applies particularly to Alba CARRERA, aka, Antonino.

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THE ROSENBERGS

4. Elías ROCCA spoke with somber indignation against the assassination of the Rosenbergs in the United States. It was agreed that the PSP, in conjunction with the National Council of the partisans of peace, should hold a vigil in memory of the Rosenbergs, eulogizing them as the first martyrs in the fight for peace. Protests against the Rosenbergs' hysterical assassination should still be sent to the United States authorities.

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5. The Juventud Socialista (JS, Cuban Communist Youth) must begin preparations so that JS delegations from Cuba can participate in the 4th World Youth and Student Festival for Peace and Friendship, to be held in Bucharest, Rumania, from 2-16 August 1953, and the 3rd World Students' Congress, to be held in Warsaw, Poland, from 27 August - 3 September 1953. It is planned to have the same delegates attend both congresses so that they will have an ample opportunity to spend some time in Communist-dominated countries.
6. The JS has informed the PSP National Executive Board that it has held several interviews with the Directive Council of the Federacion Estudiantil Universitaria (FEU) and has agreed to name a reception committee to welcome the International Union of Students delegation, which is presently travelling in Latin America, to invite the several student associations to send delegations to the students' congress to be held in Warsaw. The reception committee includes: the president, the vice president, the secretary-general and the secretary of foreign relations of the FEU, and the president of the JS. Cuban colleges, universities, high schools, professional schools, business schools, and normal schools are also being urged to send representatives to the Warsaw Congress.
7. Other main tasks of the JS at present are: a) agitation for the defense of the rights of youth in the sugar industry, b) the Mariel recruiting campaign to gain more members for the JS, c) preparation for the Jornada Juvenil Elías Rocca, a day for self-improvement, d) creation of new united-front committees of youths, e) attention to various business matters of JS committees and f) to work on Mella, the JS magazine. On July 23 the JS will submit a progress report on these tasks to the National Executive Board of the PSP.

PSP CARNETS

8. There is going to be a change in the Party carnets in August 1953 because the ranks of the PSP have been infiltrated by traitors and agents of Yankee imperialism. Before August, certain Party representatives will visit the homes of militant Communists to check on their ideological conviction, doctrinal capacity, degree of education, Marxist enthusiasm, and devotion to and faith in the Party. If the investigation proves satisfactory the Party member will be issued a new carnet. Those who do not meet the requirements will not receive a carnet and will automatically be ousted from the Party. However, these persons will be watched, and in the event that their dedication to Party causes is stronger in the future, they will then receive a new carnet. While present members are being checked for PSP loyalty, the Party will also attempt to recruit new members.