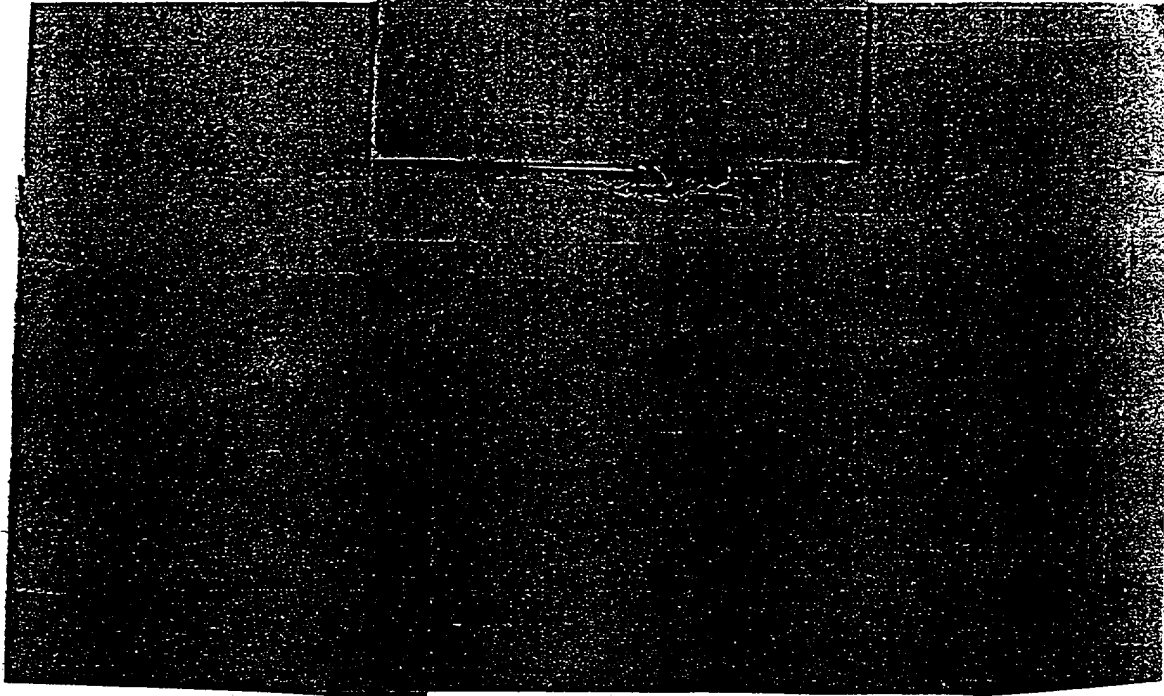


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Communists Continue to Expand Role in Castro Regime:
The Castro regime is believed to be considering the appointment of Carlos Rafael Rodriguez as minister of finance to replace Rolando Diaz Astarain, the compliant but ineffective incumbent, who was an obscure naval officer until his appointment to the cabinet last November. Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, a leading member of the Communists' Popular Socialist party and editor of the party daily, has long been among Castro's close advisers. The heavy workload of Fidel Castro and his chief aides, "Che" Guevara, Antonio Nunez Jimenez, and Raul Castro--all three of them indistinguishable from Communists--may dictate the sharing of administrative responsibilities with Rodriguez, even though his open Communist affiliation would be a political handicap in the rest of Latin America. Shortage of trained personnel is seriously affecting the Foreign Ministry. The sixth Cuban ambassador to defect in the past 30 days, the ambassador in Bonn, announced on 11 July that he will seek asylum in the United States.

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In a move of considerable potential significance, all provincial officers of the powerful Cuban Workers' Confederation (CTC) have been replaced by "men who truly respond to the revolutionary movement in which the country now lives," according to the Cuban press. The CTC, the regime's chief instrument of control over labor, is now almost completely Communist dominated.

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[REDACTED] the presence of Czech technicians at Campo Libertad, Cuba's chief military base.

Two prominent Panamanian politicians and the Brazilian and Mexican ambassadors in Panama, reacting to Khrushchev's 9 July offer of Soviet support to the Castro regime, agree that the US now has ample basis to call immediately for OAS action against Castro. They are convinced that Khrushchev has overplayed his hand.

Foreign Minister Roa, who landed in New York without requesting prior permission to come to the United States, on 11 July requested an urgent meeting of the United Nations Security Council to consider the worsening relations between the United States and Cuba. As early as 7 July, according to [REDACTED], Roa informed the UAR ambassador in Havana that Cuba would submit its case to the UN and asked UAR help in getting the support of the governments of Ceylon and Cambodia. Roa added that the Soviet Union has already offered its support. [REDACTED]

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