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- On 30 September 1950, the Communist-dominated Comité 30 de Septiembre and student groups sympathetic to the Accion Revolucionaria Guiteras (ARG) held celebrations in commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the death of Rafael Trejos. Although both Communist and Ortodoxo students were involved in the plans for the meetings, the Communists were dominant. Neither reunion was as important as its adherents had hoped it would be.
- The meeting of the Comité 30 de Septiembre was advertised as against a) government opposition to the student movement; b) "gag" decrees and interferences with the press; c) black market and administrative corruption; and d) the government's dictatorial intent.
- Fidel Castro, a law school student reportedly anti-Communist, to whom attention was drawn because of his presence in Bogota in April 1948, was the first speaker. He referred to the removal of former Chief of Staff General Perez Damara by President Prío and called particular attention to the presence of the Military Attache of the United States Embassy at that occasion. Leonel Soto, who also spoke, is the Secretary General of Foreign Relations of the Federacion Estudiantil Universitaria (FEU) and a leader of the Comité, and was the Communist President of the School of Philosophy and Letters at the University. In his speech he attacked Yankee imperialism, the government's labor policy, and the recent closure of the Hoy, daily newspaper of the Partido Socialista Popular (PSP), Cuban Communist Party. Other speakers included Aramis Taboada, who is pro-Communist and a relatively unimportant student leader; Alfredo Esquivel, a law school student and member of the Union Insurreccional Revolucionaria (UIR) who has been reported as both pro-Communist and anti-Communist; and Rafael Diaz Bayard (Balart), who was reportedly in contact with the FEU representatives after their return from Bogota in 1948.
- Others in attendance at the meeting were Luis Mas Marin, President of the Habana Provincial Committee of the Juventud Socialista who was an unsuccessful candidate for Alderman in the Municipality of Habana in June 1950; and Fajardo Escalona, who is active in the Habana Provincial Committee of the PSP. The audience was made up almost completely of

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Communist sympathizers. It was not an enthusiastic nor impressive affair.

5. The meeting of the ARG sympathizers in the Aula Magna drew little attention but did achieve some public reaction since the proceedings were broadcast over radio station COCO. Fernando Gonzalez severly attacked the Prio government and made weak statements against the Communists. Danilo Baeza and Raul Hernandez also spoke along this line. Among those who attended were Jesus Gonzalez Cartas, Secretary General of the ARG; Aida Palayo, who was reportedly expelled from the PSP in the early 1940's; Marc Antonio Hirigoyen, an ARG leader and Secretary General of the Federacion Nacional de Obreros del Transporte; and Dr. Bengochea, Financial Secretary of the ARG. Few students and not one university professor attended.

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