Why Did Castro Succeed?

by Cheddi Jagan

The fighting is over. The Cuban Revolution has survived its first major attack. To what extent was the U.S. involved? Was this an affair a la Guatemala?

In 1954 when Guatemala was attacked, U.S. Government denied involvement. Time Magazine, however, in its Latin American edition, on August 3 said that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency had supported the army which overthrew the Arbenz Government. The exact quote was: "With the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency as a silent partner, a Guatemalan colonel named Carlos Castillo Armas launched his counter-revolutionary invasion of the Red-dominated country."

The U.S. Government said that it is not directly involved in Cuba. However, it has expressed sympathy for the counter-revolutionary forces. These forces seem to get a lot of money in the U.S. Also they can operate openly and freely in Miami and elsewhere.

Compare treatment that Castro got when he was in exile from 1935 to 1957, he was hounded and even in Mexico his training ground for his handful of revolutionaries had to be completely secret and changed from time to time because of government raids. New York Times exposed the training of the anti-Castro rebels in Guatemala. Time Magazine blew up what was happening in Miami. No wonder Fidel Castro has pointed the difference between the Guatemalan people and the Cuban people are not frightened by a possible aggression and that they are ready to defend their revolution. They will defend it even at a cost of their lives. The error of the Guatemalan situation was that our country's defense was all in the hands of the army and many agents of the United States infiltrated the army. Also the Guatemalan people were not armed as the Cuban people are.

Stuart: Do you think that the people would have fought?

Arbenz: I am absolutely sure that they would have fought until the end. The army which had the support of the people, betrayed the people. There you have it. The difference between the Guatemalan people and the Cuban people are not frightened by a possible aggression and that they are ready to defend their revolution. They will defend it even at a cost of their lives. The error of the Guatemalan situation was that our country's defense was all in the hands of the army and many agents of the United States infiltrated the army. Also the Guatemalan people were not armed as the Cuban people are.

Caught Napping

The attackers have been caught napping, fooled themselves with their own propaganda. Castroist press, blasted headlines about anti-Castro and internal rebellion in Cuba. Castro was so busy holding the people by force and terror that the lies spread. Any objective observer could not 90% of the Cuban people were supporting revolutionary Government. As Jose Miro Torres, counter-revolutionary leader says: "I walked and at every turn there was a militiaman."

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Battle of the Picket

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