



MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND  
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The Right Hon. John G. Diefenbaker, P.C., Q.C., M.P.,  
Prime Minister of Canada,  
Ottawa.

Dear Prime Minister,-

I am sending you herewith for your information certain extracts from the October 1960 report of the R.C.M. Police.

Yours sincerely,

*Cuba*  
*Smith*  
Davie Latta

October 1960

The Cuban Communist Convention.

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Leslie MORRIS represented the Communist Party of Canada at the National Convention of the Popular Socialist (Communist) Party of Cuba during August 1960. On his return to Canada we received information from a reliable but very delicate source concerning his observations:

- There had been 40 Communist Parties present at the Cuban Convention and all countries of the Americas had been represented with the exception of Paraguay.

- CASTRO will seize the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo as they (the Cubans) cannot permit it to remain much longer.

- Cuba would receive aid from Soviet armed forces in the event of an American invasion of Cuban territory.

- CASTRO's problem is one of social change but lately it has become very deeply influenced by Marxism.

- The Cubans feel that Canada will not follow the American policy and will be more flexible in trade.

- The power of the church in Cuba is not very great except with the women and children.

Communist Propaganda

A Communist Party "statement" containing the usual propaganda urging neutrality, disarmament and peace, the nationalization of United States-owned industry in Canada and Canadian trade on a world wide basis, was adopted at a National Committee meeting in Toronto last Thanksgiving week-end. The "Canadian Tribune" has now announced that a quarter of a million copies of this statement will be distributed in Canada.

Despite the fact that the Communist press in

Canada has suffered serious losses in recent years and, according to available information, seems barely able to continue, it appears that sufficient funds are always available for the distribution of propaganda, even on such a large scale as this.

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