

SPECIAL REPORT :

# VOICE Of The UNDERDOG

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Frank Mosher is a final year pre-law student at Dalhousie. He has a strong interest in current events and is well versed in the Cuban issue. To his credit are two previous papers on this topic. In this article, the views expressed are those of the author and The Gazette does not assume any responsibility.

In the ensuing lines, I wish to present some of the unjustified and unmerited attacks, both in the form of propaganda emanating from the American news media, and in actual physical force Cuba has been subjected to, and to try to elucidate why Cubans have a cause for being hostile to the U.S.

A glance at the Cuban issue brings to light several factors contributing to the Cuban cause against the U.S. 1. Batista—Cuba's enemy, America's friend. 2. American Economic Imperialism. 3. American Propaganda. 4. Economic Sanctions and Related Actions. 5. Direct Intervention. 6. Cuba's Relationship with the Soviet Bloc. I have endeavored to present the most salient facts regarding each, and literary ethics and methods have been somewhat overlooked to say the least.

### BATISTA CUBA'S ENEMY AMERICA'S FRIEND

Fulgencio Batista seized the power of the army in 1933 and with it the control of the government. When the Cuban people tried to rid the country of this corrupt dictator, were the Americans involved? Yes, they certainly were. The Eisenhower government sold bombs, war planes, bullets and guns to Batista, supposedly for hemispheric defence. These war materials were used in direct attack on the Cuban people and in particular on the city of Cienfuegos in Sept. 1957. Did you know that the U.S.A.F. decorated the Cuban general of Batista who directed those attacks and that all told 20,000 Cubans were killed by Batista?

### AMERICAN ECONOMIC IMPERIALISM

Before the revolution in 1956 90 per cent of Cuban electricity and telephones, about half of the "public service", railroads, and some 40 per cent of the sugar production were controlled by men in the Director's Rooms on lower Manhattan. The Americans owned 30 millions worth of property as early as 1896, and in the 1900's they owned 50 millions worth of Cuban sugar land, tobacco and wines.

In addition, American gangsters and racketeers controlled a very large percent of the gambling houses and brothels in Cuba and the financial returns went back to the sponsors.

Herbert Mathews, with the New York Times for 30 years, said: "I have never seen a big story so misunderstood, so badly handled and so misinterpreted as the Cuban revolution. (Address to the Amer. Society of Newspaper Editors, April 21, 60) Do you remember when the Cubans claimed the U.S. was about to sponsor an attack on Cuba? The American press claimed this accusation was ridiculous. Do you remember Stevenson in the U.N. flatly denied it? Let it suffice to say that the American propaganda machine was directed against Castro and

his people, the minute he began to question the U.S. as a friend. The Sat. Evening Post, June 24, 1961, shows a picture of Cuban counter-revolutionaries training in a hidden camp near Miami, using American rifles and wearing U.S. Army fatigues. At the request of the State Dept. the picture was temporarily withdrawn.

### ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AND RELATED ACTIONS.

Prof. J.P. Morray writes in the Sept. 1962 issue of Monthly Review. "The hostility of the U.S. government to this popular revolution and Fidel Castro was not long in appearing after Jan. 1959. By the summer of 1960 it became clear from such realities as the arms embargo, the oil embargo, and the sugar boycott, that the U.S. was determined to see the government overthrown". Did you know that the U.S. has held up export licenses for tractors and farm machinery, refused to sell crop dusting planes, and harassed shipments of Cuban fruit and vegetables in U.S. ports? At Punte del Este the OAS, largely due to the influence of Dean Rusk, and his wielding like a club the proposed 20 billion U.S. development fund earmarked for Latin America, ostracized Cuba from the association because of U.S. pressure brought to bear on Panama, Liberia, and Greece these countries prohibited any nations from registering a ship under their flags, to trade anything with Cuba?

### DIRECT INTERVENTION

The U.S. trained, equipped and financed the Cuban mercenaries who attacked the Castro regime. Have you read the report of CIA officials testifying before the U.S. senate Sub-Committee, on the reasons for the failure of the attack?

### CUBA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET BLOC.

The Soviet Union provided oil when the U.S. companies stopped their shipments, and bought the sugar abruptly excluded from the U.S. Market, and Czechoslovakia sold Castro the arms needed to defend the Revolution. The Soviet Bloc has sent in technicians to help improve Cuban industry, and Cuban economy.

One other topic I would like to deal with before concluding this article pertains to the reasons for a military buildup in Cuba. First, there is no definite evidence to prove as yet that there are Soviet rockets on Cuban soil. In President Kennedy's address it was mentioned that there were bases in the process of being built, which were capable of handling nuclear warheads, both medium and intermediate range. Now the main objection to a Russian sponsored arms buildup in Cuba stems from the outmoded, much contradicted Munroe Doctrine of 1823 which advocates a "hands off" policy. But this doctrine was actually done away with in 1917, and wholly interred by 1945, and once the U.S. itself was deeply enmeshed in

European politics it could hardly declare the western hemisphere out of bounds to Europe as a matter of right. In a recent issue of the Washington Star we find the following words:

"We should remember that we maintain and insist upon the right to maintain military bases or forces in countries bordering the USSR. If we assert the right to do this in 1962, and we certainly have the right, it is difficult for us to see how the Monroe Doctrine of 1823 can rationally be invoked now to deny a similar right to Russia in the case of Cuba."

Although I am not in favor of the spread of nuclear weapons, it is my contention that the Cubans have every right to such a buildup and that the Cubans issue is the fault of the U.S. government. If nuclear weapons provide a deterrent against an attack on America, then the Cubans certainly deserve the right to the use of the same deterrent. An attack against Cuba is much more probable than one against the U.S. I hope that I have illustrated to some extent the much overlooked and rejected side of the story, that of Cuba the underdog.



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These general meetings are held each term, with an extensive program of films, discussion groups, debates and plays. Hillel takes part in the Connolly Shield and runs the annual Bowl-a-thon in January. Rabbi Joseph Deitcher describes Hillel's activities as being "on three planes, the religious, the academic, and the social."

Generally speaking, the religious groups exist to develop fellowship, intellectual stimulation, Christian awareness and an increased social life.

While each group agreed on the need for more joint activities, diversity of opinion exists as to how far the activity should be taken.

# FOR THE RECORD by AESOP AN ELEPHANT CALLED CHIEF

There once was an elephant called Chief. He was a rather clumsy elephant, and every time he curled his trunk to emit a stream of water, the water would be blown back by the wind into his eyes, blinding him to the world. But nevertheless, when the occasion called for it, Chief would still rear back, lift his trunk in righteous indignation, and trumpet his solemn message into the wind.

Elephant was liked by all the other animals of the circus-world. Lion welcomed her company. Bear wished to hug her. And the trainer Sam, well, he had no trouble at all with Elephant.

Obedient though he was to every whim and caprice of Sam, Elephant liked to pride herself on his fairness to all about him. Indeed it used to be said — by those in the know — that Elephant was admirably suited to relay Sam's orders to the animal world in a way that made threats seem almost like light caresses.

Then the inevitable happened. Bear grew jealous of Sam's power, and, seeing that Fly was being harassed by Sam's swatter, offered the insect butter and arms, more butter and more arms.

But Sam was nobody's fool. And, although he himself maintained a veritable army of heavily-armed wasps around Bear's den, nevertheless he determined to rid himself of this bothersome Fly. Who wouldn't lie down and be swatted.

Elephant hastened to mediate. "Let us," said Chief, "be fair to one and all. Let us first find out the truth. That is very important, my fellow Animals. Very important. What is the truth? Well, we all know what the truth is, but in case some of us don't, let us send a Royal Commission of Animal Armament Inspectors to ex-

amine Fly's abode, and see how true Sam's charge is about this arsenal. If Fly is not planning an attack on Sam, then what has he to fear from such an inspection?

Some of the animals objected that Sam had already tried to swat Fly to death, and that there was much more likelihood of Sam murdering Fly than the other way about. But Sam was adamant. And Elephant was, well, a very good, obedient animal, anxious not to hurt her trainer's feelings.

Sam was not pleased. "If I say that Bear is arming Fly to the gills, that's all there is to it! She's got to stop!" Peeps were heard from the trees to the effect that Sam had already encircled Bear with armored beasts, but Sam was in no mood for rational discussion.

When Elephant had put the water out of her eyes, she turned once more to the animal world. "Er, what I said a while back about a team of beasts checking up on Sam's charges. . . I want to stress that I do not doubt for a moment that Sam is right in everything he says. He is, after all, Our Big Brother. I only wanted to help. Fly's weapons are definitely offensive in kind, and I am sure that any self-respecting Animal, once he sees Fly's arms, will realize that they are very, very different from those that Sam keeps.

"Perhaps I was wrong. Maybe the animals might not be able to appreciate the dangerous quality of Fly's operations. But it is not essential that they do. Sam has assured me that Fly is amassing arms for attack. I for one am satisfied. After all, Sam is Our Friend.

Of course, we are all free to do whatever we like in our own homes. All those neighbours of Bear had the right and power to

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