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Lines. Office
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WEST INDIAN WRITERS

^A
~~The~~ House ^{of} Mr. Biswas

V. Naipaul.

In The Castle of My Skin
George Lamming.

Lonely Lancers (short stories)
Sam Selvon

Ways of Sunlight (short stories)
Samuel Selvon

Age of Innocence
George Lamming

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English Dept.

University of Habana

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Exchange
Cope
NLR.

= Informacion on Extension

- Lectures + WEA

- Syllabus in Technical School

- Discussion Group work etc.

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Cuba

INTERVIEW

MINISTER OF F. TRADE

75-80% with socialist countries.

Soviet

- ① 700 H peros with Soviet Union
- ② ~~Per~~ China.

- ① Japan - 10%
- ② Britain + Canada

Nickel
Copper
Chromium
Manganese

Industrial Prod.

- > Most imports are capital products
long term credits
- > when Guevara was in China, G
wanted the communique to say "Chinese
help", Chou insisted "mutual trade"

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HWISTER OF F. TRADE

75-80% trade with socialist countries.

Problems in sugar markets

- > Trade with Canada this year
 - problem of balance of payments
- > Interests of Br. in Common Market
 - may conflict with Cubas interests
 - eg. existing Trade Agreement suspended problem
 - Other Goods Available For Ex to Br.

{ Cigars
Grapefruit
Minerals .. Chrome + Manganese

• Agreement with Br.

> Cuba tried to negotiate a new Trade Agreement which was better adapted. As opp. to present a proposition, because they didn't think a T.A. would be fruitful, larger Trade would continue

Cuba + World Bank

Cuba + GATT

- > Cuba is a member from the beginning
- > expect to continue
- > GATT offers positive chance of
mult. ec. cooperation.

Cuba + Free Trade Zone in Latin America

- > Cuba not yet member
- > going to somewhat observer
- > going to present proposals.
- > not naive about it - a way
for monopolists to organize them.
- sales in Latin America. But
it would be possible for Cuba
to work within it
- > Doubts if after proposals are presented
Cuban membership will be accepted

Conditions For Trade Agreement

- > Don't deny that Cuba is in a bad position in ref to f. payments & credit
- > Time of credit depends on goods & volume of trade.
- > Electrical Goods: quite big demand exists. eg. electricity.
- > Where cars, trucks, buses are concerned, the need is not so great. Cycle based home industry already planned.
- > Some kind of heavy agricultural machinery, tractors etc, there would be a demand.

Cuba interested in long term agreements - expansion of trade with UK - & development of Cuban line which would be of interest to UK.

Problems of Cartelisation

> Cuba interested in pharmaceuticals, chemicals, etc.

High Trade with Soc. Countries both a matter of interest ("we are members of the socialist countries, after all") + a matter of convenience. Of course some problems exist

eg. spare parts which SU don't produce

eg. China trade has to come through Panama canal - expensive

Not important - cooperation with IV.

This does not imply that our orientation is to trade with Soc. Countries only

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- > Possibility of Trade delegation to
Denmark, Sweden & Norway
later. ~~2~~

Drugs

8-10 Million dollars worth of
pharmaceutical goods which they
can't import from Soc. countries.

- Saw materials also exist in Cuba
for chemical industries - penicillin,
penicillin, etc.

Trade with Israel.

- > Exp. sugar, machinery
- > Imp. finished products.

Shipping (1 from GDR, 3 from Poland)

- would also be interested in ships.
- more than 3000 tons - provided
credits could be arranged.

The Sugar Problem

⊕ Not willing to agree to the terms arranged by Sugar Council, though C. would have been willing to maintain it.

> To accept their terms would have meant Cuba's limiting the export of our own main product: it would have been "self-blockade". ^{Partly since sugar expansion going on.}

> The US was the main agent in drawing up the new agreement.

> Now the effect of the S. Council is to create a fall in prices.

> Br. Govt's position was not favourable to Cuba's position.

> Cuba is ~~going~~ not trying to reach a difficult position. But if Cuba can produce at lower prices, we will do so.

> we think that in 2 or 3 months the situation will be better in the sugar market. Japan has already bought its full quota - & she is one of the largest markets.

Cuba's Proposals

~~Cuba proposed that the Council should~~

5.6 million for socialist countries

2.415 m was the quota figure

- Proposal was that Cuba should have its historic quota figure & that 5.6 would count as a new market

- Accepted a compromise formula whereby Cuba would accept a reduced basic quota figure. The Council proposed a much lower basic figure. Couldn't be accepted by Cuba, since they needed to get a higher basic of for foreign exchange & not in competition with other producers in Soc. countries

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- Cuba's line is that, provided the countries don't expand, Cuba would be prepared to maintain the existing structure. The Council was not ideal but was quite good.
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Interest of Expansion in Trade with
Non-Soc. Countries - important
because of for. exchange.

Trade with Canada

- no T. Agreement, ^{only} private firms
- unbalanced credit + payment
now exist
- last yr. Trade in fresh fruit
+ vegetables.

School of F. Trade in the Ministry

4 groups of 35 Eng
 French
 German
 Russian

($\frac{1}{2}$ day studying
 $\frac{1}{2}$ day working).

Later and other workers in the Ministry
will study. Also a group to the
University.

Russian teachers of Econ. Geography
(taught at LSE)

Russian & CP (members of UN Centre
American delegation)

— teaching economics

Maths & Statistics

Also school for typewriting & shorthand
to improve level of the whole Ministry.

Master

Maup; in film

Economist

Statist

Times Review of Industry

Times

Ottawa
Citizen

Financial Times

Herald Trib

Japan Trade Monthly

Adam, La lune de l'Homme

* Rather stolid & unsympathetic director, 3 Russian professors in exchange out of 6. Taken into the schools; ~~Sp~~ Formal - unlike Cuba - organised clapping - formal delegation speeches, etc. On Cuba

PABLO ARRANGO

+ ~~OTAC~~

Films

LA Arutunna

General della Rorere

White Dove (+ Czech)

Generation

Kanal

400 Blows

(Ashes + D withheld)*

Les Amants

Red. Cantabile

trying to get Rocio

cycle of Bunuel.

Special Cinema Art House

Cinemateca, incl.

Eisenstein,

hook back

Arutunna from Arango

Guillermo Infante's short Stone

best film in Cuba

Lines : 250,000

Sadie - 20,000

Casa - outpour of culture.

Amardo by no means thin cheeks
or beat or even very Americanized.

Very cultured, charming man,
of substance - ~~by no means~~ small &

Cuban - almost academic, very
involved with poetry. Casa - very

pleasant atmosphere - informal

- Sub in loft with Mark

- Visit to Lines office.

Robin

List of Books in Bookstore

Holdern of old stock.

No new stuff in great
quantity of old kind.

> Left man reading Bohemian

> young Rebel boy was
buying a book of
poetry.

RENEWAL NLR from 12 +

Wen Jones

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LOW POWERS

- ① Ministry of Social work broken up + reappropriated by Ministries.
- ② Very successful rehabilitation work done. Some juvenile political prisoners with long sentences - so successfully rehabilitated - that the A.G. agreed that when req. they could be released.
 - After the arrival of a brigadista, now decided that this is not the time for rehab.

EPIC - H Report

Dependy of agricultural production
still in private factor.

excl. sugar + cattle.

25% state farm

20% sugar coops.

55% from private sector

(many farms with small
farm of 5 cor).

cattle

30% st. f.

25% core coops.

45%

No increase in collection this year last yr.

Labour Force

140,000 state

130,000 coops

300,000 private - excl of
families

Op Cellis

- > 3000 being trained in
Schools of Mt. Lutr.
- > Training of amateur "officers"
doing regular job but
spanning local amateur
- > Cuban Inst. of Folk Lore set up.
- >

Law

> Rev. Tribunals suspended in 1959 +
after that, limited to dealing with
offences only which were committed
pre-1959.

The ORI in the Road
opposite the Capitol

INIT Slogan on case for $\frac{1}{5}$ of
whisky Per US tourists: "Cuba,
The Friendly Island Just A
Few Miles From Home".



There is a going "explanation"
of the rev, a mythology,
current at least among
intellectuals + foreigners.
Also a common stock of
anecdotes. Also tales +
crises of inefficiency etc.
Where ~~do~~ these come from + where
do they lead? E.g. the
Sensible yet worrying case for
"rational selection" + use of
its tests offered by Ken Jones.
Also a kind of productive under-
ground cynicism coupled with
Ridiculous - eg. Mark?

WHAT PABLO NEEDS

LETTERS

- Books.
- Magazines.
- Articles that might interest you.

Bookstore with Pablo

Libreria "La Tertulia"

Calle 27 # 202 entre
L y K. Vedado. La Habana

FOR TRANSLATION

- > Guillermo Infante's Novel. My Problems
- = Today la Poesia - Pablo.
- > La Burea - Arlenki
- > 3 Books of Short Stories.
Calvert Casey
- > Mineral Negro.
Homer los Puertos
- > V. Pinera : A Defro. (play).
- > Ané Frio
Jesus

Cock
"El Gallo de Pomander"

Walk "
"Le Hombre A Muerte"

Peters

> liberal attitude, tolerance & comprehension in Union of Writers & Artists. All sorts of opinion & respected. If the programme is fulfilled, it will be marvellous - plan to publish all kinds of books in great editions. They work collectively.

> Bucher: her views are the views of an older Communist, her theories contain restriction & but she doesn't act on it. She didn't like drunks in P's book, but she agreed to distribute 200 copies abroad.

> Problem of artists censoring themselves.

Visit ~~to~~ La Bodeguita - Guillen's
cafe.

P/s humbaba's poem

P
The Rio is beautiful. Juanes belongs.
to the Rio. Better that he
finished because to him, gay
& beautiful, not groovy old
& fat & decaying into old
age. We will stay & write

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People whom I've suggested to Pablo
Hoggart, Williams, Sillitoe,
Anderson, Reesz, Hoggarth,
Berger, Werker, Morales,
Loque, Delaney, daFrancina,
Osborne, Tynan, Lessing.

Opponents - ?

Pablo on the h of the
university Marinello.

Exchange Film For Cuba Committee
"Made in U.S.A."

Mark Schleifer,
Request English dubbed version
35 mm.
from.

ICAIC
23rd Calle + 12th.

Guevara at ICAIC.

ICAIC

* Alfredo Guevara

ICARE

① Externally political censorship
eg. Ashes + D

② Internally - socio-cultural c.
no film without politics

help
progress

③ "Made in USA" - (musical)

④ "Cuba Dances" - made in Bahamas
two-oks: idiosyncratic

⑤ Tourist movie

⑥ "Carnival" - Tourist Film

⑦ Hayes: Cuba Cine

Joe Massot

Harry Reed

* Ashes
comment on
Hoy at party

Shoguns in quarantine office

7 From Mao

1 From Lenin

2 From Che

1 From Fidel

1 From Raul

II

SPRING

Party / masses
leadership / Spontaneity
Democracy / Socialism

- problems likely to arise.

"... We bring to it a load of experience, mentality, outlook, schematic, intense of judgement derived from the problem of the W.C. & Soc. movt, in part alien to the Cuban reality & climate.

By this we do not mean that our problem are novel & that soon or late the C. Rev. must have to confront them! from the political

but Party / masses, leadership /

of the mass, & finally,

D. & S. we did not, having

go to Cuba with a red or

blue pencil or a demochronium
to measure the level of development
& guarantees of for demand that
he has is offering at a point
when the young republic is threatened
by imperialism & the elements of
arbitrariness, deception & even
of coercion of organized
coercition & simply by the
dominant propaganda, somewhat
naive in attack, a
hagiographic view of the Soviet
world - but is predominantly
direct automatically. ~~Re~~

Symptomatic of past problems.
22nd. . . of Blas Roca in Cuba
Sovietism . . . "but one cannot
say that a huge debate
any militate in these terms
is going on, & question of

post degeneration, etc is
taking place. ⁴

20-300,000 bronzeon
emigrants.



