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DURING HIS PRESENT VISIT TO CHINA, WHICH HAS NOW  
LASTED MORE THAN TWO YEARS, CUBAN PRIME MINISTER FIDEL CASTRO  
HAS EXPRESSED, TIME AND TIME AGAIN, THE NEED TO ENRICH  
IDEAS IN REVOLUTIONARY TACTICS AND STRATEGY.

CASTRO REFERRED TO THE ATTITUDE OF THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT  
TOWARD THE VICTORY BY ELECTION OF CHINESE POPULAR UNITY  
FRONT WHICH HAS AS ITS GOAL DEVELOPMENT OF A  
SOCIALIST SOCIETY. THE CUBAN PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT  
CONTRARY TO THE ALLEGATION OF SOME POLITICAL FRIENDS, THE CUBAN  
GOVERNMENT HAS NEVER DENIED THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY ELECTORAL  
VICTORY THAT WOULD OPEN THE WAY TO A REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS.  
THIS, IN SPITE OF THE FACT, THAT DURING PAST YEARS, THE PRIN  
CIPALS OF THE CUBAN POSITION HAS ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED  
ROAD TO FUNDAMENTAL SOCIAL CHANGE.

CASTRO POINTED OUT THAT THE 1950S DECLARATION OF  
MARRSA IN 1961 DECLARED THAT IN THOSE PLACES WHERE  
THE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL ROADS TO SOCIAL CHANGE  
HAD BEEN CLOSED THERE WAS NO OTHER ROAD THAN THAT OF  
REVOLUTIONARY ARMED STRUGGLE.

HE SAID THAT THEY WERE NOT REFERRING TO THE  
CHINESE, CALL WHICH WAS, HOWEVER, "TACTICAL".  
MORFALIC.

WARY ROAD TO REVOLUTIONARY ROAD. (3)

THE Cuban VISITOR TOLD CHILEAN TRADE UNIONISTS (MOVIMIENTO 23) THAT AT FIRST HE HAD LITTLE FAITH IN A POPULAR UNIT VICTORY IN THE CHILEAN ELECTIONS. BEFORE THE LIES, MISLEADINGS AND DEVIATIONS CLOSING UP. "WE SAW... THAT THEY HAD SUCCEEDED IN ACCUMULATING A RESPECTABLE POLITICAL FORCE AND THAT THE OBJECTIVE CONTRADICTIONS AND THE GENERAL ADVANCE IN CONSCIOUSNESS GAVE THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ELECTORAL VICTORY".

IT WAS THEN THAT CASTRO STATED WHAT MIGHT BE TAKEN FOR A FUNDAMENTAL POLITICAL TRUTH: "WE SAW THAT AND PUBLICALLY STATED THAT BECAUSE WE ARE REVOLUTIONARIES AND TO BE REVOLUTIONARY MEANS NOT TO BE DOGMATIC BUT TO BE REALISTIC. TO US A REVOLUTIONARY IS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF ALL AND EVERY ONE OF THE POSSIBILITIES THAT ALLOW FOR HONORABLE PROGRESS, TO ADVANCE WITH DIGNITY, ALONG A PRINCIPLED LINE, TO ADVANCE AND COME CLOSER TO THE GOALS FOR WHICH OUR PEOPLE FIGHT".

CASTRO SAID THAT WHEN THE ELECTION VICTORY WAS ANNOUNCED IT WAS MET WITH JOY. HE ADDED "WE ARE PREPARED TO CARRY ANY AND EVERY VARIATION THAT PROMOTES REVOLUTION... MAY THERE BE A TARDIAR ROAD TO REVOLUTIONARY ROAD.

CASTRO'S DECLARATIONS ALL EXPLAIN FULLY THE ATTITUDE OF THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT TOWARD THE PROCEEDINGS WHICH IS TAKING PLACE IN PERU. CASTRO STATED PUBLICALLY AS FAR BACK AS JULY 1960 THAT HE BELIEVES THE PROCEEDINGS LED BY GENERAL VELAZCO ALVARADO IN PERU TO BE A REVOLUTIONARY ONE, HE CHARACTERIZED THIS PROCESS AS NATIONALIST AND DEVELOPMENTALIST

IN A CONTINENT WHERE MILITARY COUPS HAVE GENERALLY HAD AS THEIR RESULT THE WEAKENING OF THE POPULAR FORCES, CASTRO'S ANALYSIS WAS MET WITH ENTHUSIASM IN SOME CIRCLES INCLUDING THAT OF CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE LEFT. SINCE THAT TIME, WITH PERU'S POLICY OF NATIONALIZATION AND DIRECT COOPERATION IN THE ECONOMIC SPHERE WITH UNITED STATES INTERESTS, THE VALIDITY OF CASTRO'S ANALYSIS IS HARDLY DEBATABLE. SINCE THAT TIME ALSO THE CUBAN AND PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE DEVELOPED HEALTHY ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RELATIONS AND HIGH IN THE NEAR FUTURE INITIATE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ONCE AGAIN.

THE CUBANS HAVE NOT DENIED THE VALIDITY OF ARMED STRUGGLE BY EXPONING THE POSSIBILITY OF A REVOLUTIONARY VICTORY BY ELECTORAL MEANS IN GIVEN CIRCUMSTANCES. CASTRO SAID IN THE SAME SPEECH TO THE TRADE UNIONISTS THAT "WE WOULD NOT REQUEST ANYONE FROM MAKING REVOLUTION, AND DO NOT WANT THE LEAST.

IT IS OF COURSE TRUE THAT WE DO IT BY THE MEANS THAT THEY CONSIDER CORRECT, AND ALL VICTORIES WILL BE MET WITH JOY."

MANY ROADS TO REV. ROMF (4) & FINAL

WHAT SEEMS TO BE CLEAR IS THAT THE CUBAN LEADER HAS EXPRESSED MORE CLEARLY THAN EVER BEFORE THE FLEXIBLE POLICY THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WILL FOLLOW IN THE COMING YEARS IN ITS RELATION WITH THE OTHER COUNTRIES AND REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN CONTINENT.