

Cuba Mounts New Anti-CIA Drive

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HAVANA, July 2—The Cuban government zeroed in on the CIA last night by televising the CBS documentary, "The CIA's Secret Army" and the Cuban-made film "Patty Candela."

The American documentary traces CIA activities among Cuban exiles in Miami and "Patty Candela" portrays what is said to be a CIA-organized attempt on the life of Defense Minister Raul Castro in 1960.

Today's Communist Party newspaper Granma carries a two-column commentary on the CBS documentary. The newspaper also announces the premiere of another Cuban film on the CIA, "Rio Negro," that is about alleged CIA-supported insurgents operating in the Escambray Mountains of Cuba in the early 1960s.

The publicity surrounding these films dealing with CIA activities indicates that despite the establishment of ties with the United States, the Cuban government still considers the CIA its chief enemy. The television

shows came on the same day that the United States and Cuba announced that the countries will exchange diplomatic missions Sept. 1.

The Granma commentary on "The CIA's Secret Army" declared that it "confirms the denunciation made over the years by Fidel Castro on CIA activities."

Private discussions with Cubans this morning indicate that the documentary reinforced the widely held view that armed groups of Cuban exiles are still supported, or at least protected, by the CIA.

Granma asked "what will the United States do with the terrorist groups that it organized, trained and armed and that operate against Cuba from its territory?"

"Perhaps," the commentary continues, "a nation that wants to proclaim itself champion of human rights in the world should clean up this and other dirt in its own house to make it compatible with the minimum demands of living together internationally before it tries to judge others."

At a reception in Havana June 23 for visiting American businessmen from the Midwest, a Fidel Castro said that President Carter is not compromised in any way by past CIA activities. Castro told Barbara Walters on May 19, however, that he has no proof that the CIA has put aside its anti-Cuban plans.

The CIA has long been one of Castro's main targets. When the French ship, LaCoubre, carrying Belgian arms, blew up in Havana harbor on March 4, 1960, killing 70, Castro blamed the CIA. When a Cubana airliner blew up in midair near Barbados last October, killing 73, Castro accused the CIA and the Cuban exiles it had trained.

Between these two dates, attacks on the CIA occupied center stage in Cuba. Cubans identified as captured exile infiltrators have periodically appeared on television to confess their ties to the CIA.

In his report to the Cuban Communist Party in December, 1975, Castro



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cited the U.S. Senate findings concerning CIA plans to assassinate him.

Castro has mentioned to several American visitors that Cuba has never received a formal apology for the alleged assassination attempts. This indicates that he believes that such an apology should be forthcoming from Washington.