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President Fidel
Cuba's speech
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havana, dec 11, reuter -- cuban president fidel castro, speaking before havana units of the half million troop +territorial militia+ stronglytonight strongly attacked united state's foreign policy and declared that cuban troops would remain in angola as long as the angolan government wants them.

the cuban leader charged that the reagan administration's policy toward popular struggles around the world was +aggressive, fascist, bloody and repressive.+

dr. castro alleged that the u.s. was responsible for the fact that there is no peace in el salvador, nicaragua, angola and mozambique.

in el salvador, he said, the revolutionary forces have expressed their disposition to seek a political settlement to the conflict but +the united states seeks only the annihilation of the revolutionaries.+

the cuban president blamed the reagan administration's plans +for destabilisation and aggression+ for the growing border war between honduras and the nicagurragua.

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castro told the militiat troo troops gathered in revolution square here that the united states backs south africa and for that reason there is no peace in namibia, angola or mozambique.

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the cuban president cited a press dispatch that declared that cuba has reinforced its troop strength in angola. he commented: +we are not going to say if the report is the truth or a lie but if we did so we would be carrying out our duty in view of imperialist threats.+

he said cuba was ready to rwithdraw its trtroops as soon as asked to do so by the angolan government. +we have absolutioe respect for the domestic and foreign policy of any country that asks us for troops.+ he added.

the fifty-six year old cuban leader accused the united state's government of training, arming and directing troops of former nicaraguan dictator anastasio somoza who are now in honduras. he said that plans for an invasion of nicaragua by these forces has been ehave been exposed by newsweek and the new york times. he said that in 1961, prior to the bay of pig's invasion, u.s. newspapers withheld stories concerning plans for the invasion because of pressures from washington. +but this time it is not like that,+ he said.

dr. castro denied that cuba has transferred soviet weapons to central america. +it is known that there are callauses in our agreement with the soviet union which state that weapons cannot be exported,+ he said. he admitted that cuban military units had taken weapons with them to algeria, and angola, nowevhowegver. --more/lem

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castro chided president reagan for his recient assertion that he had been impressed by the great personal integrity of guatamalan leader rios montt. th e cuban leader accused rios montt of being responsible for the assasination of thousands of guatamalan indians.

he said that the united states was responsbile for the problems in latin america and chqaoracterised as +a most ridiculous, absurd and incredible lie+ the charge that the soviet union was involved in the struggles of central america. he declared that the charge has been made to justify the aggressive u.s. policy in central mamerica.

the cuban leader said that his nation has already received its planned 1981-85 shipment of weapons from the soviet union. +we want the imperialists to know, + he said, +that this doesn' t mean we will remounnounce getting more weapons in this five years if it be necwessary.+

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the bearded cuban leader told the troops that the territorial militia had been organised over the past two years as a reply to campaign threats by presidential candidate ronald reagan and to threats by his administration of +total blockade, punishment and even invasion.+ he said that the territorial militia now has a half million persons under arms , twenty-five percent of them women.

castro said that president regan suggested during his recent latin american tour that cuba should break its ties with the soviet union before being considered for membership in the organisation of american states. castro commented that +we are disposed to seek peace and mutual respect but we will never break our ties with the soviet union.+ +break ties with our friends to establish alliances with our enemies?+ he asked. the cuban president insisted that cuba could not be +hired, bought or intimidated.+
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