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This is ~~xx~~ Lionel Martin in Havana. for Thursday use...the service message. Fidel Castro ~~laxhaxbxbtbbxbxbxbxbxbxb~~ made a two hour speech before the congress of the world federation of trade unions here in Havana -- here is the item/

In his speech to trade union delegates from 152 nations, Fidel ~~Castro~~ denied charges made in Washington that Cuba has received planes of an offensive nature from the Soviet Union. He said the planes Cuba has received are no different from those of the past -- tactical and defensive in nature.

The Cuban president said the charge was false from head to foot. and that it was quote, "a heavy handed, crude and cynical pretext to provoke tensions and justify cowardly aggressions."

The fifty five year old president, ~~axxbxbxbxbxbxbxbxbxbxb~~ who was wearing his dress uniform with white shirt and black tie, said that if the United States dare attack Cuba, it will find a people ready to fight for every inch of land with Spartan courage.

Fidel Castro laid the blame for the present arms race on the United States and said that ~~the world~~ mankind is threatened with destruction.

He called the zero option policy of ~~the~~ president ~~regan~~ ^{For Sumner} Reagan hypocritical because, he said, the U.S. would ~~xbxbxbxbxb~~ ~~xbxbxb~~ still deploy nuclear missiles in aircraft, submarines and aircraft carriers. ~~The~~ ^{PR} Castro said -- as heard through his interpreter:

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Fidel Castro also said ~~that~~ called the regimes in el salvador and guatemala "repulsive tyrannies shamelessly armed and bolstered by u.s. imperialism" ~~and~~ and called ~~for~~ on the u.s. to cease its intervention there.

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