

# A View From The Right

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Can we ignore Cuba and still win in Vietnam? Six hundred Communist delegates from 82 nations met in Havana and said no. There, they established Cuba as the headquarters of worldwide subversion against the United States. Their goal is to expand the Vietnam-type conflict until it also envelopes Africa and Latin America.

Drawn up at the Tri-Continental Communist Conference held in Havana last January, the plan calls for "the use of every form of struggle necessary, including armed battle." The guerilla leaders of the "national liberation fronts" in Guatemala, Venezuela, Colombia and Peru were the "stars" attending the conference, demanding, among other things, "total eradication of Yankee military installations in Puerto Rico."

American foreign policy makers still officially cling to the myths of the Fulbrights and know-nothings who refuse to acknowledge that the U.S. is fighting for survival. With the resolutions adopted in Havana, the Reds have flung down the gauntlet to a government which has vowed to prevent Cuba from becoming a base for revolution. "Don't

worry," satirically proclaimed a bumper sticker in the fall of 1964. "They're still ninety miles away."

A three-point answer to the threat has been put forward by the Citizens Committee for a Free Cuba, and it is both reasoned and attainable: The United States should 1) seek to mobilize all available hemispheric force to combat Communist terrorism and be prepared to use it collectively under Article 9, Section (a) of the Pact of Rio de Janeiro, 2) help the courageous people of Cuba in resisting Communism, aiding in co-ordination of internal resistance with the activities of freedom fighters in exile, 3) make the economic embargo effective by not co-operating with other nations to solve their problems unless and until they co-operate with us on Cuba.

We must support a firm course of action right here in this hemisphere. If we continue to equivocate, we will lose our Latin American allies and be forced to do unilaterally what can be done collectively. If we do nothing, we can be certain that other "Vietnams" will explode in the jungle heartland and the towering Andes of Latin America.