

# Year Of Education Proves One Of Red Indoctrination

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — Cuba today is in a state of turmoil, according to Dr. J. Amon Wilkins, former correspondent for the Havana Post and Associated Press on the Isle of Pines. Dr. Wilkins returned to the United States a week ago via Havana car ferry, having just recently been freed from jail by Castro militia. In today's interview he tells how indoctrination of youth is taking place under the Communist-dominated government of Cuba.

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How does a Communist government educate its youth?

Dr. J. Amon Wilkins witnessed such a program in Cuba and today details the operation under direction of Ernesto "Che" Guevara, the brains behind the revolution.

Last January Fidel Castro called 1961 the "Year of Education" in Cuba. These were not just idle words. Already youngsters in grade school and children in their teens have become a problem to parents. Their new

socialistic indoctrination is a complete reversal of all that was taught in school before.

Parents today are being contradicted by children, and in some cases threatened by youngsters because they hold onto "Yanqui imperialistic ideologies."

In some cases children have been known to inform on their parents. Dr. Wilkins noted that in theaters when statesmen of democratic countries are shown on the screen, they are booed by brainwashed children.

Dr. Wilkins warns that the educational system is thorough in spreading Communist ideologies.

Since colleges and private schools have been taken over by the state, everyone is offered a free education. There is no charge for text books. At the University of Havana a restaurant was constructed and free meals are provided students. Likewise, they pay nothing for living facilities.

Naturally, the young people accept these free offers for an education. In doing so they give up freedom of thought and actions, Dr. Wilkins said.

Playgrounds and sports centers are under construction. Private clubs have been taken over by the revolutionary government and turned into public clubs.

Directing the program is Armando Hart, minister of education, who recently returned from the Soviet Union and Red satellite countries, where he studied their educational systems.

When Hart returned to Cuba an exchange of students began. A week ago Dr. Wilkins saw 300 youths from Communist nations arrive in Havana. They received a tremendous reception from Cuban students. Two days later 1,000 Cuban students were sent to Russia.

The intellectual behind all this is "Che" Guevara. A former

Argentine medical graduate and associate of former President Jacobo Arbenz of Guatemala in the ill-fated formation of a Communist state in that Central American republic, Guevara is a well-balanced statesman. He is the former president of Cuba's revolutionary National Bank who directed devaluation of the peso.

Guevara wastes no words and does not go into emotional tantrums like Castro. In Dr. Wilkins' opinion, Castro suffered from a persecution complex from youth, which is why he indulges in murder and persecution mercilessly.

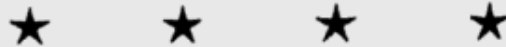
As observed by Dr. Wilkins, the philosophy of revolution taught in Cuba today is to blame all difficulties on the U.S. The governments of Fulgencio Batista and dictatorship of Gerardo Machado are described as crim-

inal regimes sponsored by the United States.

Properties confiscated from Americans and U.S. corporations are described as Yankee loot now being returned to the Cuban Socialist state. Small American businesses and properties of retired Anglo-Americans, too, are rated part of the Yankee "loot."

The Intelligence section of Castro's government continues to persecute American and British subjects by arrests and searches of homes. Any letter or publication critical of Castro or the revolution is grounds for confiscation of property and confinement of owners in filthy jails.

Dr. Wilkins believes there is not too much time left for a real counter-revolution to succeed. One youth is deprived of the right to know the truth, Castro's success seems assured, he believes.



## Foreign Reds Defended Cuba

Tough, well-trained troops from Communist countries were brought into Cuba to aid the Castro Army in smashing the recent Cuban invasion, Dr. Juan Amon Wilkins, former Isle of Pines correspondent for Associated Press, told the Four Points Lions Club at a dinner meeting Tuesday night at Carling House Restaurant.

"One invasion was not enough to be successful; 20 invasion maneuvers were needed," Dr.

Wilkins, presented by J. M. Dixon program chairman, said. "Church worship is a thing of the past. Schools in Cuba are closed. Many children — hundreds of them — have been taken to Russia to be indoctrinated with communism. Many children in Cuba have been trained to 'inform' on their parents and friends. The leading citizens of Cuba are afraid to speak out against the Castro regime, for fear of losing their lives."

Wilkins said that "many Cubans still feel that the United States will eventually help them overthrow the Castro Communist government. Others believe that, unless the United States stamps out this Communist menace in Cuba, it will spread to other Central American and South Ameri-

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