

ALTAMIRANO INTERVIEWED, SOCIALISTS DECLARE SUPPORT FOR GUERRILLAS

Statement by Altamirano

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[Excerpts] Santiago, Chile, 2 Feb--"No one won or lost" stated Senator Carlos Altamirano, the new secretary general of the Socialist Party (PS) when the 23d ordinary congress of the PS concluded.

Altamirano, who was just appointed unanimously by the new Central Committee as the PS's top authority, talked to the press together with Adonis Sepulveda and Hernan del Canto, who ran on the same ticket as Altamirano.

Carlos Altamirano was asked about the alleged withdrawal of Socialist congressmen from the elections and said: "Out of 156 accredited delegates, 114 voted, and 112 did so because of the party's Central Committee. The current Central Committee is one of the groups having the greatest and widest support. Therefore, the momentary, confused reasoning which some comrades may have experienced is a product of the irritability usually produced by debates, and has only a transitory affect."

Carlos Altamirano was asked to outline the different ideological positions at the congress and he replied: "The truth is that it would be a problem to go into detail about the various ideological differences, because these are personal. They existed and exist between the recently elected Central Committee and the comrades who did not share our viewpoint. We are in a state of exhaustion. It has been an extremely rough 3 days. We have hardly slept. A discussion of the ideological and political difference which might exist between us and other comrades is a task we will leave for some other time."

"With great pleasure, I am sure, the party's leadership will hold a press conference to analyze in detail the situations which, under the impact of this moment, can be discussed and which, with the passing of hours and days, will reach their true worth, which will certainly not have any great bearing on the life of our party," he said.

Asked to give his opinion about the 23d congress, Carlos Altamirano said: "Extraordinarily positive. The truth is that the position approved at the congress and the strategy we have chosen imply an important change in the life of our party. Furthermore, a very positive fact for us was the vibrant, powerful, and significant presence of youth. So was the renovation of our Central Committee through a considerable number of new members from the Socialist Youth Federation with high ideological principles."

He added that "however, by stressing the participation of the youth I do not want you to think that we are underrating the older comrades, of which I am one. As we have said, there are no disputes between generations, there are no contradictions between young and old, if it can be put this way. Nor between the workers and intellectuals, men and women comrades in the party. There have been and there are disputes and ideological differences only. And here as well as there, there are youths and there are men who are more adult, and there are women and comrades who are intellectuals and workers."

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After the meeting Manzhulo told O GLOBO that his talks at the Foreign Ministry were satisfactory and provided a good impression and a promising outlook for the future of trade relations with Brazil. The deputy minister said one purpose of his mission is to discuss means of balancing the flow of trade, because in general Brazil has been regularly obtaining a favorable balance of payments of some 20 million dollars.

Manzhulo declared that the ideal thing would be a balanced volume of bilateral transactions. Such a balance would not need to be rigidly established on a yearly basis, but for more or less lengthy periods. The Soviet Union does not seek a perfect balance. As an example he mentioned the negotiations conducted between the Sao Paulo Electric Power Company and the Energomashexport. The two companies concluded a contract for supplying equipment for the Capivari Plant. Payment will be in coffee to the amount of 75 million dollars. It so happens that since the equipment is worth less than that sum there will be a favorable balance for Brazil.

Manzhulo also explained that the Soviet Union is interested in selling Brazil equipment for the steel and shipbuilding industries, planes, helicopters, lathes for heavy industry, and many other items.

BRIEFS

MICROWAVE SYSTEM EXPROPRIATIONS--Several plots of land necessary for the 3-year microwave route development plan, under the supervision of the Brazilian Telephone Company, have been set aside for public use. One area in Sao Paulo is destined for the expansion of the automatic telephone system. Another in the municipality of Colina is for the construction of a microwave repeater. (Brasilia Domestic Portuguese 2200 GMT 1 Feb 71 C)

MILITARY PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS--The president has named a new vice chief of the Army War Materiel Department, (Amiro Goncalves). Maj Gen (Antonio Augusto Gomez Tinoco) was relieved as head of active personnel. The president named Maj Gen (Walter Meneses Paes) as second under chief of general personnel placement; he had been relieved from his job as director of military service. The new assistant chief of the General Services Department is Maj Gen (Carlos Vanario). The president named Brig Gen (Sadi Magalhaes Montero), who was relieved from his job, as director of communications materials; and for the new director of communications, Brig Gen (Celso de Azevedo Dauto Santos). (Brasilia Domestic Portuguese 2200 GMT 1 Feb 71 C)

RENEWAL OF SHIPPING--The reestablishment of the Brazil-Angola Shipping Line proposed by governor-elect Euclides Triches, should permit intensification of trade with Portugal and its overseas provinces. (Port Alegre Radio Guaiba Portuguese 0000 GMT 2 Feb 71 C)

AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT--The audience of Rio Grande do Sul Governor-Elect Euclides Triches with President Medici is scheduled for Tuesday, 2 February, at 0800. (Porto Alegre Radio Guaiba Portuguese 0000 GMT 2 Feb 71 C)

PREPARATORY LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS--The Senate and the Chamber of Deputies began preparatory sessions today in Brasilia prior to the legislative sessions which begin in March. The Senate swore in the new senators and will select the new Senate officers this week. (Brasilia Domestic Portuguese 2200 GMT 1 Feb 71 C)

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