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- 1. The Soviet Union has clearly accepted Fidel Castro as the leader of the Cuban revolution, since in any case there is no one else, and apparently also as a sincere Marxist-Leninist. However, the Soviets and other foreign Communists resent the revolutionary arrogance of Castro, who has admitted to having read only 370 pages of Das Kapital, which he says he may study more when he has time.
2. The change of the Cuban youth organization's name from Association of Young Rebels to League of Young Communists is regarded among foreign Marxists as ridiculous.
3. An illustration of foreign Communists' irritation at Cuban arrogance occurred during a press conference early in May given by two Spanish Communists in Habana. The Spaniards had said that the Spanish Communist Party was trying to achieve power by means of strikes and other non-violent action in order to avoid another civil war. A Cuban journalist chided them for this statement, and asked scornfully: "Don't you have mountains?" With some irritation one of the Spaniards replied that, just as the Cuban revolution had been made in a way quite different from the many that had preceded it, so the Spanish revolution would be unique, dependent on conditions inside Spain and on decisions taken by Spaniards alone.

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