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MANUEL RAY

Ray
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Fanatism which has only be known to me to exist in Communists.

His brother was taken prisoner and kept in a room in the police station.- In this room short arms revolvers and pistols - were left at his reach.- The wife of the brother and Mr. José - Currais friend of both Manuel and the brother went to see Manuel Ray to tell him that his brother was set up to make him commit suicide.- He was told by both that the emotional condition of his brother was very bad because he Manuel had refused to talk or visit him.- Although both persons in more than once visited him in the hours that preceded the death of his brother Manuel Ray said he would not visit his brother because he was Secretary of Public Works and if his brother was not guilty he would be judge and freed.-

After his brother committed suicide, during the burial ceremony Ray's father made a speech claiming that his son was free from any guilt and the Cabinet members were to blame for his son's death.- The writer can not assure Ray's brother did anything wrong but beleives most probably what happened was due to the disorganization that existed in at those moments.-

Manuel Ray, even though, a normal person would have resigned his government post due to all this events, not only maintained himself on the job, but was one of the most enthusiastic collaborators of Castro.-

After Ray was ousted from his Cabinet job and assigned to a job of less importance he kept visiting Fidel Castro and accompanying him, occupying a prominent position, in all his public appearances.- He expressed to friends that even though he was not on a prominent position he thought the revolution was - doing good to Cuba and had his whole support and should be supported by everybody.

RESENTMENT.-

Mr. Manuel P. Cores who visited Ray in his home in Miami expressed that he found him to think along the same lines as Castro.- While he waited to talk to Ray, CORES had a chance to hold a conversation with Ray's wife.- His impression is that Ray and his family resent all businessmen and anybody who has any wealth.-

ATHEIST.-

It has been expressed to the writer that Ray is an atheist and has openly expressed so in several occasions.- It is interesting to know that Raul Chibás, an important member of his organization is also known as an atheist.-

ORTHODOX PARTY.-

Ray was before Castro an active member of the Cuban Orthodox Party, which has been the refuge and was highly infiltrated of communists unknown to the Cuban people till Castro come to power.-

OPINION OF PEOPLE CLOSE TO HIM.-

Lopez Lay, ^{also Assistant to the Director of MIRA} one of the members at his organization has expressed to the writer that the only bad law Fidel Castro enacted ^{material for MIRA} is the Urban Reform Law.- ^{!- MIRA}

Cora Miranda, a young lady who lives in the same house as Ray's brother's widow, has said that the widow in different moments has expressed that Ray if he ever comes into power in Cuba will be as radical as Fidel Castro, and a dictator.-

The following engineers members of the Civil Engineers Association:

- Antonio Tella - ^{President of the Association of Cuban Eng. FID}
- Hormes Chiong
- Federico León
- Abelardo Docal
- Antonio Docal
- José Sust
- Elizardo Martinez
- Gutierrez Bolivar

Anselmo Lastra
Reinaldo Chipi
Perfecto Arango
Melquiades Fernández Monte
Jorge Garayta
Armando Pérez Cobo
José A. Vilá

express this opinions:

He is a possible second communist front.

He is a radical ^{who} believes in the same principles as Castro, and the only differences between him and Castro is that Ray wants to be the head of the government instead of Castro.

RAY AS SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS.-

During the first three months of Ray in 1959 as a Cabinet member in his Department exams were given to new employees.- The person in charge of this exams was Personnel Chief ^{Carlo} Lopez Lay, to-day a prominent member of Ray's Organization.- Among the questions asked were the following:

- a) What do you think of Stalin?
- b) What do you think of Lenin?
- c) What do you think of Marti?

José Suárez a former employee of the Public Works Department saw those exams on various occasions.-

In the Public Works Department during the time he held his post various indoctrination programs were constantly held - such as:

Slogans, speeches, etc. through the public address system.-
Stage plays were held in the Patio during which the communist thinking was advocated.

Employees were constantly invited to conferences.

Militia was organized.

Physical training programs were held for employees.

He named President of the Comision de Fomento Nacional Roberto Acosta former card carrying communist and to-day in charge of the Cfa. Cubana de Electricidad.

Not Idealism as some may believe

Ray has been described by many as an ambitious man who will sacrifice anything OR ANYBODY for these ambitions.

Mr. Adolfo Arenas has said that the people who worked with him during the resistance against Batista say these two instances show he will sacrifice people to obtain his ambitions.-

He planned an assault on a gun shop in Havana in the month of April 1958 knowing:

1st.- That it was impossible to do because it was at a time the auto traffic was at its peak.-

2nd.- There were not enough guns at the shop worth while stealing.-

3rd.- Even though they would have been successful - their ultimate goal the attack on the Cabafia fortress would only bring death to the attackers.-

Yet he sent those people to their death to have more martyrs but did not go himself.-

When he was thrown out of the Cabinet post he invented some technical job to be located in the Columbia barracks. He maintained himself close to Fidel Castro until he saw Castro would not pass through a Cabinet session for approval the law creating the job he wanted.- During this time he endorsed publicly and in private conversations his approval of Castro's policies.-

Although there is no proof of him ever belonging to the Communist Party it is believed that he will deal and become one if convenient to him either nationally or internationally.-

A. DOCAL.-

Considers him a fanatic that will pursue an idea without regard to the welfare of his family, even though unimportant.-

Unpractical and bad manager to the extreme that he has failed in three business enterprises he tried to develop.-

Extremely dangerous in the government due to the programs he believes in, he says although he has no knowledge of communist connection he follows the same principles as Fidel Castro and believes the measures taken by Castro are good.-

Unmerciful, a defect he showed when he was Secretary of Public Works he through out hundreds of employees without due cause, he destroyed every successful contractor that existed to that moment.-