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Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Please see enclosed about Mr. Matos.

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Thanks,

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Mrs. Mata

HUBERT  
MATOS  
GRAVEDIGGER



HUBERT MATOS

**WATCH OUT FOR THE MARXIST COUNTERFIGURE  
EUROPEAN COMMUNISTS WITH AMERICAN BACK-UP  
FASHION A NEW FALSE IDOL**

**HUBERT MATOS IS A RED MURDERER**

**READER'S DIGEST SELECCIONES CONNIVES WITH  
THE ENEMIES OF CUBA'S SUFFERING PEOPLE**

**MARXIST HUBERT MATOS' TRUE PERSONALITY**

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We reproduce an article published by Mexico's **REPLICA** Magazine on the Hubert Matos which (Cuba's) Camaguey region had to endure, and whose personal rivalry with Fidel Castro on command structure actually motivated the regime's action against the disaffected commander.

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Fictional aspects which are not at all factual, published by 'Selecciones' of Reader's Digest, constitutes a new mockery of Cuban suffering, an echo of its performance during 1958's fratricism, cheap commercialism instead of journalism.

## UNDERSCORING

Out of respect for the jail-like Cuban political scenario in the Castro-Communist criminal stage, a halt is called for on the campaigns developed in the American media regarding Hubert Matos, notorious ex-military chief of the Camaguey region who substituted Mora because the latter would not fully implement the revolutionary decrees and what was of paramount importance to Fidel Castro, 'had not executed any official'; and Matos was to carry out those functions with extraordinary speed, to the entire satisfaction of the Maximum Leader of the Revolution.

But other ambitions, even though cloaked under Marxism-Leninism dogma, produced an almost immediate conflict. The rivalry soon reached a climax and, of course, Matos lost. The man from Biran was vindictive. Had it been otherwise, some say, Castro would have been bound for the consequences, since his opponent counts on choice backers of a repressive nature. And that is why today he can count on his shock troops!

Let's sight next what REPLICIA, the Mexican magazine, states factually, overlooked by sentimental Cubans or those who would rather be blind since the Castroite past weighs too heavily. We, on the other hand, simply wish to clarify concepts and put everything in its place. We shall not weaken in that task.

*(The following is reproduced verbatim from the influential Mexican magazine REPLICIA, No. 120 of January, 1980.)*

To judge from the major part of his affirmations, Mr. Hubert Matos would appear to be a dedicated anti-Communist and he is so considered by those whose only knowledge of him is taken from the media. It so happens, however, that Matos' participation in the Communist plot hatched in the Sierra Maestra, was his contribution in men and weapons of the Caribbean Legion, towards communization of Cuba. Matos landed in an airplane sent to Castro, loaded with weapons, by Jose Figueres (of Costa Rica). When Castro triumphed, Matos established his headquarters in Camaguey where he ordered expropriations and assassinations of anti-Communists. Months later, for reason of political discrepancies with Fidel Castro, the latter a member of the Third International and Matos of the Second International, he was ousted and jailed for twenty years. Just another fight among the many that occur in the Marxist family. For the purpose of laying criteria with respect to the real personality of Hubert Matos, REPLICIA reproduces two articles on this issue.

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**WE CAN REALLY SAY IT NOW!  
HUBERT MATOS, RED ASSASSIN!  
CAMAGUEY: SILENT WITNESS TO HIS  
HUNDREDS OF CRIMES**

**by Andres D. Orta Candal**

Many a time were we about to publish this accusing commentary. However, we never did. Reason? A simple macho one. We did not think it was manly to write about a being, despicable as he may be (as in this case), who was locked up in jail and who could not defend himself in person. Now, the titled 'Comandante' Hubert Matos —Camaguey's Red Butcher—, lives in that which many call 'land of Liberty' and may defend himself as he pleases. And it is now, precisely, when we have decided to let the truth out on Hubert Matos (the truth exists for that purpose, to tell it! ) without fear of going against the 'cross-current'.

Hubert Matos, one of the filthy 'rebel commanders' who came down from the rugged Sierra Maestra on the fatal First of January of 1959, filling Cuba's verdant countryside with corpses, was one of the most cruel and inhuman executioners of the bloody Communist revolution, totalitarian and atheistic which for twenty years of terror, torture, despotism, and misery, enslaves and oppresses our suffering Cuba.

Wicked man who always served in the files of Marxism

(although he and his apologists vainly attempt to deny and hide it), Hubert Matos was an activist of the so-called "Caribbean Legion", clandestine apparatus dependent on the III International Communist, charged with subversion and agitation in the countries of the Antillean group. When in 1956 the Great World Conspiracy directed from the Wall Street kabbala by a powerful super-capitalist oligarchy, which is destroying, little by little, the fundamental values of Western Christian Civilization so as to establish on the face of the earth a Bolshevist Universal Government, it decided to knife Cuba in the back and thus created the movement under the direction of the bandit and marihuana-addict Fidel Castro Ruz, product of the anarchi-syndicalist gangs of Havana University; Hubert Matos, who had sought refuge in Costa Rica, flew in an airplane loaded with weapons as gift from the President of that Central American republic, the hypocrite and false pseudo-Communist, Jose Figueres, towards the Sierra Maestra and joined the filthy bearded assassins recruited by Moscow's secret agents from the criminal elements of our island.

When the regime led by General Batista crumbled —as a result of pressures by U.S. Department of State— and the barbarian thieves overran Cuba, the lousy bearded ones crept out of their hiding in the rugged mountains of the East and it is then when Hubert Matos, in command of criminal Red gangs, entered Camaguey, sacking homes and murdering without pity and without trial more than 300 Cubans, many of whom were poor unarmed peasants. What were the victims guilty of? Military men of the deposed regime fighting for their nation against the red guerrillas of International Communism, or simple civilians who had refused to arm themselves for the Soviet cause, or otherwise collaborate with Marxist terrorists of the evil '26 of July Movement.' But the worst crime of all was committed by Hubert Matos in murdering Colonel Suarez Suquet, who with only seven soldiers had cornered Ernesto "Che" Guevara Lynch; the colonel, who was injured and unconscious at Camaguey's Military Hospital, was dragged out, seated on a chair, and shot to death by order of Matos.

Camaguey was a mute witness of the hundreds of crimes committed by Hubert Matos. And in exile there are numerous Camagueyans who will confirm this fact.

Now, twenty years after that tragedy which bloodied—and continues to bleed—our captive homeland, the “Prophets of the Revolution that was Treasoned” render tribute to this Marxist-Leninist-Maoist assassin, who lacks any human feeling (whom the News Director of the Leftist Channel 23, Alfredo Cepero, in his editorial commentary had the gall—perhaps following the orders of his boss, the pro-Allende Blaya—of naming him as an example to be followed by Cuban youth). He is acclaimed and presented as a knight fighting for liberty, subtly eluding the fact that revolutions devour its children, and that once in power periodic purges occur (as between more crafty and less crafty reds). As Stalin ordered Trotsky’s murder, so Castro ordered Matos’ incarceration. That is all! Other versions are false and serve only to confuse the ignorant and the foolish. But to real anti-Communist Cubans (enemies, not dissidents, of the Revolution) there can be no fooling. We very well know who Hubert Matos is, as we also know other “figures” of the same stripe who walk the streets of exile, hiding their Communist past as “patriots”—hiding their hands of blood exacted from noble Cubans before the firing squads of the Red Infamy.

Since October 22, 1979, Hubert Matos can defend himself from these facts. Let him show us, if he can, contrary facts..



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## HUBERT MATOS' REAL PERSONALITY

### THEY KNOWINGLY LIE

by Eliseo Guerra Romero

The useful idiots, the perennially mistaken and leftist personnel of the State Department and the gabby "fooled" who in exile are nothing but entities of the so-called Fidelismo without Fidel, knowingly lie when for certain reasons they raise to the public eye the name of Hubert Matos, one of the

HUBERT MATOS CAME DOWN FROM THE SIERRA MAESTRA WITH A ROSARY AND A CRUCIFIX IN HAND AND HE ORGANIZED IN HOLGUIN AND OTHER PLACES IN ORIENTE PROVINCE THE KILLINGS AND TAKEOVERS OF PRIVATE PROPERTIES... THEY LIE KNOWINGLY THOSE WHO PRETEND TO SHOW AS AN ANTI-COMMUNIST THIS AGENT OF M-26. THEY LIE KNOWINGLY THOSE WHO IN EXILE AND FROM VARIOUS OFFICIAL AGENCIES OF THE STATES SPEAK OF MATOS AS A DEMOCRAT AND A SIMPLE REVOLUTIONARY. HUBERT MATOS IS ONE OF THOSE WHO IS GREATLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ANGUISH AND TRAGEDY OF CUBA.

"commandantes" who slipped down from the Sierra Maestra with rosaries and crucifixes on hand, and who after organizing in Holguin and other areas of Oriente kangaroo courts, shootings, and thefts of other peoples' properties; taking over the military command of Camaguey, installing himself at the Agramonte Regiment after shoving aside Comandante Mora, who had operated as a rebel against the regime of President Batista in the zones of Guaimaro and Francisco—and who was so substituted for the sole reason that day after day of January, 1959, transpired without anyone's properties being confiscated or a bloodbath ensuing; nor were politicians persecuted, insulted, nor incarcerated under the watchword of atheistic materialists disguised as "Catholics and Humanists" who were going to suppress "the vices of a republican Cuba so as to convert the country into a model nation."

The grotesque comedy organized by Castro in Camaguey to oust Matos from the Military Command of the Agramonte Regiment, a show previously rehearsed in Havana and in the commission of which that infringer seeker of everything was named—who was then wont to brag about his Catholicism and Professor of Camaguey's *Colegio Marista*—, the titled Captain Enrique Mendoza Reboredo, who as a preliminary step in the affair installed himself in the "Radio Legendario" building, enterprise which had been seized from me by Castrism and which in those days was then said to be a property of its workers, only served to erect a false image of the ex-rural teacher in Oriente, who in those first months of assault of the Constitutional powers by the Castroites, sought first to direct the Ministry of Education in Cuba and then oust Castro from power, and in whom there was neither the reformist revolutionary nor outspoken humanitarian, nor the young courage of a new generation, but simply one more Communist, with different procedure and a greater philosophy of the Party than the leader of the assault against the Moncada Barracks who murdered innocent injured soldiers (asleep in its medical ward) unaware of the designs unveiled by him at a safe distance from the fracas.



They lie knowingly those who in exile and those who from their high positions in American agencies thrash about stupidly in a process to free Cuba from its Castro-Communist hordes and pretend thus to think up future leaders when in speaking of Matos as a democrat and a revolutionary they see him as overseer of the Armed Institutions of a liberated Cuba. And I say this because the idea has been expressed to me by different agents and it has been conveyed to others as well.

It was Hubert Matos who fanned hatreds and passions in the Province of Camaguey; when in taking over the Command of the Agramonte Regiment he should question why no one had yet been shot, that politicians had not yet been relieved of their properties and goods, that men who had been occupying political positions during Batista's regime had not yet been incarcerated, and that the owners of their farms should still own them, or why there should continue to be Yankee Imperialist ownership of certain enterprises.

Thus, in sequence, commenced a sacking throughout the Province, there were shooting following kangaroo courts, of entire members of the previous Armed Forces at the Guanamanquilla hills, and names were offered to public opinion of heads of families whose only crime was to have been military men of repressive forces, but who had not participated in bloody reprisals as carried out under the cloak of M-26, assassins in the streets, in public conveyance, or inside homes—i.e., the cases of Professor Anibal Vega and Syndicate Leader Serafin Barrios, in the city of Camaguey, whose funerals constituted a protest by the people when they marched out in the streets.

It was Hubert Matos who personally attacked the American properties in my Province, in compliance with the Communist dogma of abolition of the private property—and under his direction the Public Works bulldozers ran down the giant signs of the Vertientes Sugar Camaguey de Cuba, fired its private guards and humiliated Mr. Bienbenu who was its manager, and took over the immense cattle ranches of Rancho King of Nuevitas—under pretext of revolutionary reforms and

signifying in the end liquidation of progress which Cuba had been forging in its years as a republic, and now sought after by many in exile who had nonetheless joined with these forces in its beginnings.

Matos humiliated and insulted Camaguey society. He ordered an intensification of trials by the Revolutionary Tribunals, extending their activities to other areas of the province; I shall mention only the dishonorable process carried out against the venerable figure of a legendary Camaguey, Don Luis Loret de Mola Bueno, who died as a result of Castro's humiliations.

The knowingly lie those who pretend to introduce this figure of the M-26 as being anti-Communist. I well recall when I was imprisoned by these hyenas who are bleeding my countryland and his substitution as military chief of Comandante Mora's post was loudly greeted by the so-called rebel soldiers and their accounts of his Marxist purity and energies and had—as they pointed out—straightened Holguin out, leaving a functioning revolutionary process that implied killings, imprisonment, persecutions and outrages against those who had not contributed towards the fall of the so-called dictatorship (Batista's)—a dictatorship that had amnestied the assassins in the assault on Moncada and was attempting an electoral approach to Cuba's problem; a process that the revolutionaries disdained since it was not towards a new Cuba that they labored but towards serving the needs of Soviet monstrosities.

When Dr. Manuel A. de Varona, representing the 'Authentic Party' of Prio (who had previously been deposed by Batista), was organizing his cadres again in Camaguey, he was sorely attacked by the imported bearded one (Matos), thus showing in outline the future non-electoral role, there could be no doubts as to the double-think policy ensuing by bloody imposition of International Communism.

Let's put a stop to hoaxes, to attempting to deceive the exiles. Let's put an end to the attempts to elevate Hubert Matos as a hero and martyr, who was imprisoned not because he was an anti-Communist, but precisely the reverse, a product of Communism's intra-party feuds. For that reason Matos did not



**RAUL CASTRO**

suffer the abuses heaped on imprisoned anti-Communists, but was granted certain considerations granted to those which the regime looks upon as erring militants.

Hubert Matos is one of the individuals most responsible for the anguish and tragedy of the Cuban people. He is undefinable in the history of the future.

**FOR A CUBAN CUBA NEITHER RED NOR OLIVE GREEN  
OR CUBA IS SAVED OR AMERICA IS LOST**

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CARTER Y MATOS

## SELECCIONES DOES IT AGAIN

The Spanish edition of Reader's Digest —Selecciones— undermines the generally good material which is published in the English, but it shows a strange trend, especially in its laughable portrait of “Commandante” Hubert Matos. It of course underscore unmistakable characteristics of Castro's jails, but these impositions were of greater severity than those imposed against his ally in the Sierra Maestra, a butcher to be in the Camaguey (Cuba) region.

‘Selecciones’ knows how to slant these articles psychologically. We recall its printing of a journalist's diary when, walking out of Havana's bars —where he spent most of his time drinking— he states sighting corpses hanging from trees along fashionable Prado during Batista's regime and which corpses remained on those trees for days so people could no longer walk on the Prado Paseo because of the stench. This article, appearing in what people thought was a responsible journal, served to influence world opinion.

When it describes detention ward 23 at the military fort of La Cabana (across from Havana channel), and locates it in the cellar, it makes a factual mistake. Other political prisoners have been assigned to this ward, just one of many at La Cabana; honorable political foes who did not, however, receive the physical abuse and ‘special diet’ which Selecciones says was meted out to Hubert Matos.

We're not really underscoring the political deviations of Selecciones because we know that at will, when its interests take over, it calls blue what is yellow. Selecciones cannot alter, however, Matos' real historical background, nor the crimes which he committed in Camaguey. Contriteness and compunction cannot erase the cries of those who now lie in tombs, whose echo is perhaps recorded in this warning: **BEWARE OF THE MARXIST COUNTERFIGURE.**



ERNESTO "CHE" GUEVARA