

La Primera/First and Second Declarations of Havana

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This is an expanded edition of Fidel Castro's First and Second Statements from Havana, speeches that took place in 1960 and 1962, respectively. The text, according to the introduction, was republished in Venezuela in 2006 in response to Hugo Chávez's interest in "extending a hand of solidarity to oppressed peoples and a readiness for battle throughout the Americas and the world, including collaboration with the government and the revolutionary people of Cuba." Castro's statements (which are also available on the Web) reflect his strong anti-American sentiment following the U.S. economic embargo of 1960; then a young socialist leader, he announced the nature of the newly constituted revolutionary government in Cuba. The first speech was strongly inspired by patriotic figures of the Americas, particularly the Cuban José Martí, whose participation in the war against the Spanish colonial government in Cuba made him an example for Castro's guerrilla fighters. The second reveals Castro's strong Marxist political rhetoric, including his alignment with the Soviet government. The book includes black and white photographs of the speeches and of key political rallies that took place in Cuba during those years, as well as footnotes that explain historical references. This book will be of interest to scholars of the Cuban revolution.-Rafael Ocasio, Agnes Scott Coll., Decatur, GA