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Aldabonazo: Inside the Cuban Revolutionary Underground, 1952–58

This is the memoir of a key participant of Cuba's July 26 Movement, which led the uprising that overthrew Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista in 1959, appearing for the first time in English. Armando Hart Dávalos was a founding member of the movement and its National Directorate and later a government minister in the revolutionary government of Fidel Castro. In Hart's own words, "The main interest of the book lies in showing some fundamental elements of a historical thread that should not be forgotten, and that can serve as an important point of reference to better understand how the fabric of the Cuban Revolution was woven and, more broadly, to comprehend the second half of the 20th century." As part of this mission, Hart's chapters on the development of the Cuban Revolution are interspersed with a number of primary source documents written by Hart and other prominent figures of the July 26 Movement. Now with 28-page photo section, maps, chronological notes, and epilogue. Also available in Spanish as Aldabonazo; En la Clandestinidad Revolucionaria Cubana, 1952-58. (Annotation ©2011 Book News Inc. Portland, OR)