

Cuban Rebel Seeks Support Here to Oust Batista

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A young Cuban revolutionary is in Miami, making plans to topple the government of Fulgencio Batista.

Fidel Castro, an attorney from Cuba's Oriente province, has had some experience. It was he who led 125 rebels in a fierce armed attack against the Moncada army barracks at Santiago de Cuba in July 1953.

The 1953 revolt was quelled and some 80 men died in the fighting. Castro said most of his men were captured by the army and then assassinated.

Castro, whose followers link his name with the Cuban independence hero Jose Marti, was captured and imprisoned on the Isle of Pines.

He was set free three months ago at the same time that Batista granted amnesty to Dr. Carlos Frio Socarras, whose government was overthrown by a military coup led by Batista in March, 1952.

"We have an organized movement of 100,000 persons," declared Castro. "If Batista continues to remain in power by force, then there is no other way but to throw him out by force."

"Dictator Batista has caused an economical crisis in Cuba and the situation is becoming worse all the time. We have the only revolutionary move-



FIDEL CASTRO
 ... fighting Batista

ment that will face the regime."

Castro said he will hold a public meeting at 10 a.m. Sunday in the Flagler Theater, 318

W. Flagler st., "and we expect at least 1,000 people to attend."

Followers of the young rebel call him the spiritual leader of the revolutionary movement and say that he is organizing Cubans outside the country and raising funds for the fight.

Castro himself thinks Batista will stop down "to avoid civil war because of the force of public opinion."

"Batista won't finish 1956 as president," Castro said. "Even the army leaders will divide and not be loyal to him."

"There are 1,500,000 unemployed in Cuba now. Batista doesn't have the workers behind him. Nor the middle class, nor industry. He is supported only by a nucleus of the armed forces."

"Remember that Juan Peron was also a military leader."

Castro said he and the people he is organizing in the United States are "staying within the laws of the United States." He displayed pictures of a huge mass meeting in New York,

and one picture of a table piled with currency which he said was donated to the cause.

He said his organization is against all forms of intervention in Cuban affairs because "we want the job to be done by Cubans."

"Batista is worried about public opinion in the United States," Castro said. "He is also worried about the internal situation in Cuba."

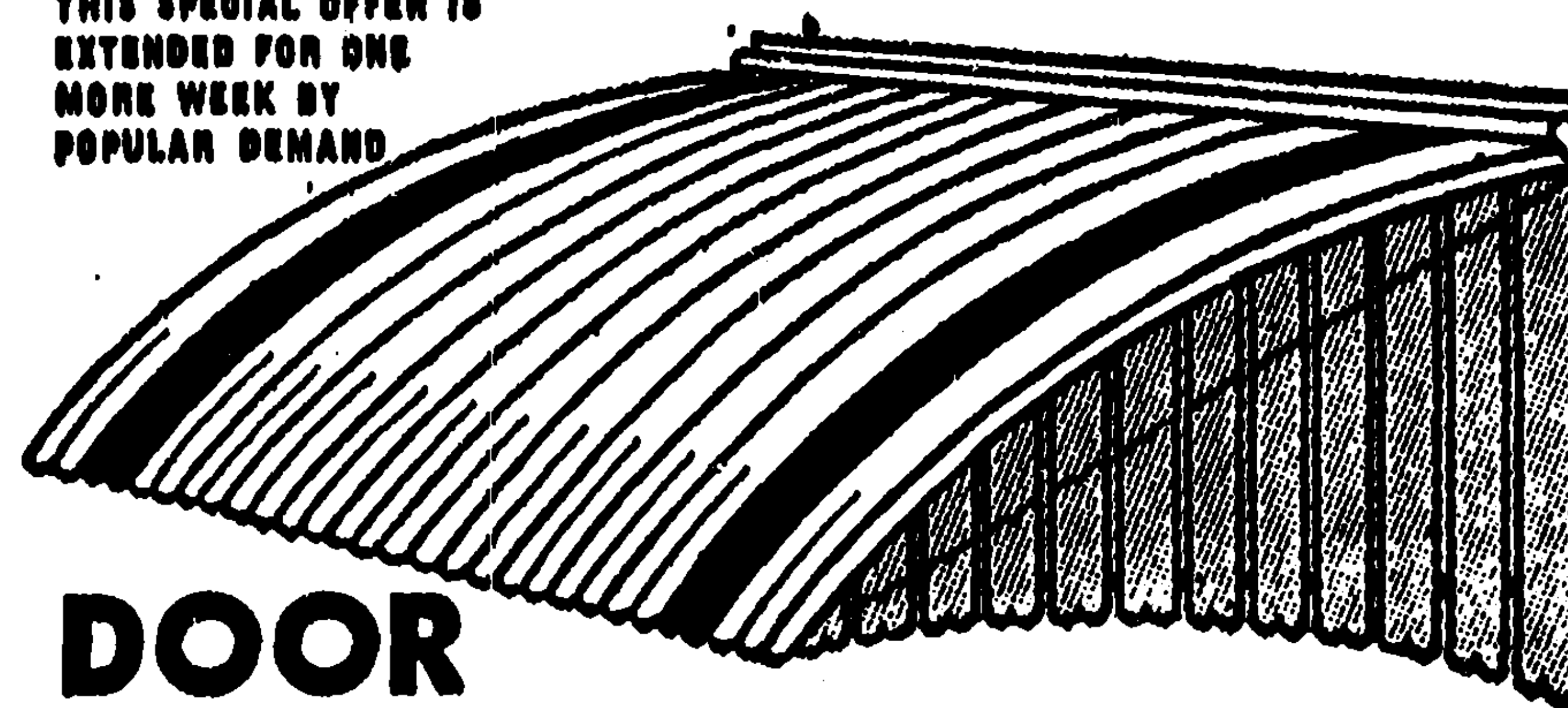
"He is a dictator who has

violated the rights of man by torturing and kidnaping citizens who then disappeared. Before he seized the government, the public was content. They never dreamed that anyone would dare violate the constitution."

Castro admits that, if his revolutionary movement succeeds, he does not know who would take over the presidency, "but at least we would call immediate elections and live by the constitution."

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