

A new report on the development of the situation came out of Haiti after my conversation with R. Theodore. Gen Avril has appointed as commander in chief of the country's armed forces General Herard Abraham, who held the post of foreign minister in the first military government created after the fall of the J.-C. Duvalier regime in 1986. Thus, Colonel J.-C. Paul, who took up this post right after the coup, did not hold on to it for even 3 days. His whereabouts are not known at present. The United States has once again officially issued a demand for Paul to be handed over to U.S. justice, which is indicting him on a charge of organizing drug smuggling.

The new head of the military regime has issued an appeal to soldiers, urging them to "keep calm," stop arresting officers, and "begin discussing the Army's urgent problems."

It is reported from Santo Domingo that a group of Dominican journalists has demanded that the Republic's general prosecutor initiate criminal proceedings against Henri Namphy, the overthrown dictator of Haiti, who has found refuge in this capital. He is accused of aiding and abetting the killers of a Dominican television cameraman who, along with other foreign journalists, was attacked by "Tonton Macoutes" during the "bloody elections" of 29 November last year. The authorities in the Dominican Republic have not yet made any reply to that request.

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[Text] Havana, 22 Sep—A joint session of the Communist Party of Cuba Central Committee Politburo and Secretariat was held in Havana 15-17 September under the chairmanship of Fidel Castro, first secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba Central Committee and president of the Republic's Councils of State and Ministers.

The session was devoted to an analysis of the country's current socioeconomic position and certain aspects of the international situation.

The session participants discussed recent events connected with the situation in southern Africa, as well as the process of seeking a peaceful settlement to the conflicts in Angola and Namibia. They supported the joint Cuban-Angolan position at the four-party talks on southwestern Africa aimed at establishing peace in the region, achieving Namibian independence, and concluding agreements which would satisfy all parties to the talks, as well as safeguarding the Angolan people's legitimate interests.

During an examination of the domestic situation the session participants pointed to the positive changes that have recently been taking place in the country as a result of the process launched in Cuba of rectifying errors and eliminating negative phenomena.

Yakovlev Receives Venezuela's Castillo
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[Text] Moscow, 26 Sep (TASS)—Aleksandr Yakovlev, member of the Politburo and a secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, today met with R. Carpio Castillo, chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Congress of Venezuela, who arrived in Moscow yesterday at the invitation of the USSR Supreme Soviet.

During a conversation that took place in a warm and friendly atmosphere, they discussed restructuring in the USSR, the new political thinking, and its effect on the dynamics of international relations.