
Fidel Castro Comments on New York Times Article about US Blockade of Cuba

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The U.S. Embargo on Cuba

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Scanning a map of the world must give President Obama a sinking feeling as he contemplates the dismal state of troubled bilateral relationships his administration has sought to turn around. He would be smart to take a hard look at Cuba, where a major policy shift could yield a significant foreign policy success.

For the first time in more than 50 years, shifting politics in the United



In his article, Fidel said that at certain times, such articles are signed by some prestigious journalist, like someone he had the privilege of meeting during the first days of the guerrilla fight on the Sierra Maestra mountains after his force was almost eliminated by the Batista aviation and army.

He said they were quite inexperienced at the time and that they did not even notice that by giving the impression of being strong would constitute something deserving criticism. But that was not the view of a valiant war correspondent whose story gave him a name in the tough times of the war against fascism, he was Herbert Matthews, Fidel notes.

He recalls that the People's Socialist Party leader Carlos Rafael Rodriguez witnessed what happened afterwards when a Batista combat unit surrendered after 10 days of fight, and that later the elite forces withdrew from the mountains, they had found the appropriate way to defeat them, Fidel pointed out and said that these comments were important if he wanted to express the spirit with which he read the article on The New York Times last Sunday, of which he quotes many of its paragraphs.

The Cuban Revolution leader affirms that the article has been written with great ability aimed at benefiting the US policy in the current complex situation, when political, economic, financial and commercial problems are increasing.

Add to this those stemming from climate change, trade competition, the speed and accuracy and destructive power of the weapons threatening humanity.

What is being written today has quite a different connotation from what was written only 40 years ago, when our planet was already forced to shelter and provide drinking water and food to the equivalent of half the current world population, Fidel says and add, all this without mentioning the struggle against Ebola now threatening the health of millions of people.

He finally mentions that in just a few days the world community will express at the United Nations its agreement or disagreement with the US blockade of Cuba.
