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### They Insist on Preventing Tourism to Cuba

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The United States does not cease trying to hinder the entry of money to Cuba, in order to “alienate internal support for the Revolution through disenchantment and discouragement, based on dissatisfaction and economic difficulties, in order to cause hunger, desperation and the overthrow of the government,” as stated by Undersecretary of State Lester Mallory, in April 1960.

The most recent campaign to spread terror among those who wish to travel to Cuba is being orchestrated by the anti-Cuban mafia in Miami, through the so-called Assembly of the Cuban Resistance, who has urged the authorities of Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida to implement a temporary moratorium on travel to Cuba, with the supposed objective of “protecting” residents of that State from the risks posed by the “critical” epidemiological and health situation on the island, due to the presence of the Oropouche virus.

Behind this new campaign are the federal senators, Marco Rubio and Rick Scott, as well as Ron DeSantis, governor of Florida.

The action against travel to Cuba is based on information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the United States, stating that until August 16, 2024, 21 cases of infection by the Oropouche virus had been registered in travelers who returned from Cuba to the United States, 20 detected in Florida and one in New York, but they ignore the fact that the CDC also stated that the official number of infected people on the Island is the lowest in the Latin American and Caribbean region.

To create more fear in potential tourists to Cuba, they released the information in relevant newspapers in the United States and Spain, something they do not do against Latin American and Caribbean countries, where the virus is more strongly reported in cases, such as Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Argentina, Panama, Trinidad and Tobago and French Guiana, but for these there’s no request for a temporary moratorium on travel.

Scientists consider that, in the last 60 years, about 500,000 cases of the disease have been diagnosed in Brazil. In the current year 2024, 10,000 cases are reported and on July 25, the authorities reported the first two deaths of

young women due to the Oropouche virus.

Faced with this true health crisis in Brazil, the United States has not requested a temporary suspension of travel to the South American giant.

Last May, Cuban health authorities confirmed the presence of the Oropouche virus for the first time and since its appearance, no serious cases or deaths have been reported, out of the 506 reported, which is the lowest figure in the Latin American and Caribbean region, according to the National Director of Hygiene and Epidemiology, on August 28, 2024.

The media manipulation against Cuba is evident, as some Yankee and Spanish press outlets characterized by their aggressiveness towards the Revolution report that since June some cases reported in Spain, Italy and Germany were people who had traveled to Cuba, a country with the lowest number of European visitors in the area.

Why does Maykel González, who was a USAID and NED employee in Cuba, when he worked for CiberCuba and El Estornudo, and currently an Acceso Miami reporter for the Nuevo Herald, not alert international travelers that this summer the United States is facing the largest wave of Covid-19 in the last two years?

Covid-19 has one of the highest death rates in the world, and the United States is among the first.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that the United States is immersed in a dangerous resurgence of that virus, with the highest levels of viral activity in wastewater recorded nationwide in the summer, according to statements by Dr. Jonathan Yoder, deputy director of the CDC Wastewater Surveillance Program.

Dr. Marlene Wolfe, associate professor of Environmental Health and Public Health at Emory University, and director of the WastewaterSCAN program, confirmed that "there's a very significant increase and the levels are the highest recorded during a summer surge" and added: "We are currently detecting SARS-CoV-2 in 100% of our samples across the country."

Are anti-Cuban mobsters not concerned about this health crisis in their own country?

Emergency room visits, hospitalizations and deaths from Covid-19 and its variants are on the rise across the United States.

Those who are worried about visits to Cuba also don't talk about the current situation of Dengue in Brazil, the country with the highest number of cases, with 6,296,795 suspected cases and 3,040,736 laboratory confirmed, followed by Argentina with 420,867 suspected cases, Paraguay with 25,667 suspected cases and Peru with 199,659 suspected cases, figures reported up to May 24, 2024.

In addition, those who only look to Cuba to scare foreign visitors should know that, so far in 2024, more than 2,500 cases of Dengue have been reported in the United States and of them 1,496 cases acquired locally in Florida, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. Specifically, Puerto Rico declared a public health emergency in the first five months of 2024, detecting the highest number of Dengue cases in all year 2023.

The anti-Cuban mobsters must alert the population of Florida that, in the week of August 18-24, In 2024, two more cases of locally transmitted Dengue were reported in that State, which means a total of 25 cases in six counties this year, according to the latest data from the Florida Department of Health.

If they are so concerned about the health of their citizens, why don't they force airlines that fly to the United States to put an alert in all their offices abroad about the increase in cases of Covid-19 and Dengue that can cause so many deaths?

Let the naive people believe the supposed concern of the anti-Cuban mobsters, those who in 1981, fulfilling tasks for the CIA, introduced Hemorrhagic Dengue in Cuba, which in a few weeks infected 344,203 Cubans and caused the death of 158, of them 101 children, an action declared by the terrorist murderer Eduardo Arocena, in 1984 during the trial held in the Federal Court of New York, for the murder of a Cuban diplomat in New York.

His confession of introducing viruses into the Island by CIA orders, is recorded on page 2189, 1984, File 2 FBI-NY, 185-1009.

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Heartless people who now say they care, when they are responsible for the death of thousands of Cubans with their terrorist acts, with the objective of destroying the Cuban socialist system.

José Martí was right when he said:

“There are few things in the world that are as hated as hypocrites.”

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