THE BAY OF PIGS INVASION

THE FIRST MILITARY DEFEAT OF U.S. IMPERIALISM IN LATIN AMERICA

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- On April 17th, 1961 the $U \cdot S \cdot$ sent about 1,500 CIA-trained mercenaries to invade the Bay of Pigs (Playa Girón) on the southern coast of Cuba, in an attempt to overthrow the Cuban Revolution and by April 19th, in less than 72 hours, the $U \cdot S \cdot$ empire had been defeated!!!
- To the present date, $U \cdot S \cdot$ government-sponsored ultra-right terrorist groups in South Florida (which include mercenaries from the Bay of Pigs invasion) have caused the deaths of 3,478 innocent people, maimed over 2000 people and continue to operate unobstructed by $U \cdot S \cdot$ authorities.
- Today, Five Cuban heroes who infiltrated these groups to prevent further attacks against Cuba, continue to be unjustly punished by the U·S government: ANTONIO GUERRERO, GERARDO HERNÁNDEZ and RAMÓN LABAÑINO are serving their 16th year of imprisonment in U·S· jails· RENÉ GONZÁLEZ and FERNANDO GONZÁLEZ have finally been released and are back with their families in their homeland, but only after having unjustly served their full sentences·

While the three Cuban heroes remain unjustly imprisoned and as we continue to bear witness to the U.S. government's continued interventions in other countries -through its illegal support and financing of violent and fabricated insurrections- we encourage every one who struggles for peace and justice and all those who have experienced the empire's aggression to come and join this discussion on the lessons to be learned from the Cuban Revolution, as we continue our ongoing struggle for peace.