

# NEWSLETTER Amistad



## FOR LENNY

by Ricardo Alarcón de Quesada,  
President of the National Assembly  
of Cuba



Leonard Weinglass

On the afternoon of March 23rd, the same day he would have turned 78 years of age, Leonard Weinglass's heart ceased to beat.

During the last months of life, heroically combating both the illness and physical pain he dedicated himself with body and soul to the preparation and presentation of the *Habeas Corpus* in favor of Gerardo Hernández and Antonio Guerrero, without neglecting the work on behalf of other comrades.

Shortly before entering the hospital where he was to undergo surgery, he took the final steps in the appeals process of Gerardo and Antonio and delegated to other colleagues what they should do while he was undergoing treatment. Only then did he accept the ordeal of taking care of himself.

He was always like that. In his youth he began working in the law offices of Victor Rabinowitz and Leonard Boudin, where he fought countless legal battles in favor of workers, unions, civil liberties and justice in the United States. With his brilliant defense in 1968 of the Chicago 8, Lenny began an endless and admirable career as a defense attorney representing Jane Fonda, Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers, Angela Davis, Mumia Abu Jamal, Amy Carter, Kathy Boudin and many more to include the Cuban Five and more recently collaborating with the defense team of Julian Assange, the founder of WikiLeaks. The history of the struggles of the American people cannot be written without mentioning on every page, the name Leonard Weinglass. Now and always we shall owe him our homage and gratitude.

Losing Lenny is a great blow to Gerardo, Ramón, Antonio, Fernando and René. He had been their best and most relentless defender, he dedicated all of his energies and his talent to their cause, and for them he fought to the end in the midst of pain and agony, to his last breath.

The struggle for the freedom of the Cuban Five must continue, now under even harder circumstances, without Lenny. We must all multiply our commitment until our brothers are free. We must do so without intermission or rest. It is the least we can promise this resolute, self-sacrificial and lucid man, who will for ever be our beloved comrade Leonard Weinglass.

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# A Revolution Within the Revolution

by John Richmond

Just about everyone in Canada knows something big is happening in Cuba.

The Canadian media have been focused on one-off reports of changes in rules, regulations and laws, often reporting these changes in isolation or out of context.

But the reality of the current “revolution within the revolution”, as some Cubans call it, is that it is the result of a long and careful process. A process that will continue into the future for some time.

We in Canada hear about the regular announcements - such as the recent news that Cubans will be permitted to buy and sell their homes (in a manner which will discourage a real estate “market” and therefore property speculation).

But on a recent trip to Cuba I heard little about this piece of “news” from people on the street. And the reason is simple: the Cuban media, government and various national organizations have been talking about the housing problem in Cuba for many years – this discussion has occurred in the context of an open, national dialogue. The dialogue and debate have covered many areas, not only housing, but also tourism, jobs, the environment, the economy, education, and many other issues.

Cubans knew changes were coming in the area of housing and knew roughly what those changes were going to entail. So it was not really “news” in Cuba.

The recent 6<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Communist Party of Cuba – broadcast live on radio and television following a march of more than a million people in commemoration of the 1961 victory at the Bay of Pigs – was designed to review the findings of the recent public discussions and make decisions on which issues the country would move forward.

More than 8 million people have met in workplaces and neighbourhoods to discuss proposals from the government and PCC and to make their own proposals. More than 600,000 formal proposals and comments were received with **no** preconditions: the proposals covered a full ideological spectrum from left to right.

Many of the more than 300 specific policy ideas that the PCC delegates chose to endorse were ideas that Cubans were fully expecting – such as the sale of houses and apartments. The talk on the streets in Cuba is not – as reported in Canada – about ideas that Canada and other Western countries think Cuba should endorse, but rather about some of the policy objectives that “sound good” but might be difficult to implement such as the plan to merge the two official currencies in Cuba.

Radical and far reaching changes are coming to Cuba in every aspect of life – not changes imposed from outside at the point of a gun or because of the embargo – but changes that are “Made in Cuba”. It is an exciting time and we look forward to charting this new course in solidarity with the Cuban people.

The proposed changes [which go to the elected government for deliberation] are more than just economic. The proposals themselves and the method of involving Cubans in discussion and debate are part of a change in culture from a system in which “experts” and political leaders made important decisions and rallied people to political objectives, to a system of shared governance between workers, government and the Communist Party.

While many Canadians have the mistaken perception that in Cuba “everything is run by the government” the reality is that several sectors such as agriculture have been moving for many years towards a system of self-managed cooperatives (called UPBC).

## Privatization Push in Agriculture Nearing Completion

Exceeding the expectations of planners, some 143,000 farmers have received long-term leases to fallow state land since the government began a land distribution program two years ago, Pedro Olivera, director of the Agriculture Ministry’s Centro de Control de la Tierra, told foreign reporters during a press briefing at the 6th Congress of the Communist Party of Cuba.

There were more than 165,000 applications. There are 15,000 new applications currently being processed. Applicants receive their land within 78 to 108 days, he said.

Of 6.6 million hectares of arable land on the island, 1.868 million hectares are fallow. Nearly 1.1 million hectares of the fallow land have been handed over to private farmers and cooperatives; some 100,000 hectares were leased by state farms. The leasable land left is more difficult to access.



Nearly 1 million hectares of the newly leased land is already in use with 25% of that land used for various crops, 53% for cattle, and 8% for rice.

More than 70 percent of the new farmers have no previous agricultural experience, Olivera said, and more than 35 percent are younger than 35.

## Very Successful Tribute for Playa Girón 50<sup>th</sup>

by *Elizabeth Hill*

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1961 the Cuban people achieved victory in a 72 hour battle against a US-backed military invasion at Playa Girón, (Bay of Pigs).

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 the Canadian-Cuban Friendship Association Toronto organized a tribute to this historic victory which brought in a new era in the Americas.

Over 100 people came to Lula Lounge to participate in the informative and cultural event. **Elizabeth Hill, president of CCFA Toronto**, publicly welcomed the special guests:

- \* **Cuban Embassy in Ottawa – Ambassador, H.E. Teresita Vicente Sotolongo, Minister Counsellor Antonio Rodríguez and Second Secretary Miguel Fraga.**
- \* **Cuban Consulate in Toronto, Consul General Jorge Soberón Luis, and Consuls Raul Delgado Concepción, and Julio Pujol Torres.**
- \* **Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Mrs. Aura Suárez Vilalobos, Deputy Consul General**
- \* **El Salvador, Mr. Oscar Armando Toledo, Consul General.**
- \* **Haiti, Dr. Eric Pierre, Consul-General.**
- \* **St. Kitts and Nevis, Mr. John L. Allen, Honorary Consul General.**

Award-winning journalist and author, **Keith Bolender** gave a talk and PowerPoint presentation on the history of terrorism against Cuba. This was based on extensive interviews he did in Cuba as the basis for his book: *Voices from the Other Side, an oral history of terrorism against Cuba.*

Following a **7-minute video documentary of the battles of Playa Girón**, with the beautiful music of Silvio Rodríguez and

## Cuban Victory at Playa Girón - A New Era in the Americas

### Statement from Canadian Network on Cuba:

On April 17, 1961 more than 1,400 United States CIA-trained and led mercenaries launched an invasion of Cuba at Playa Girón (also known as the Bay of Pigs), located in the south-central region of the island. Spearheaded by the notorious Brigade 2506, comprised of henchmen of the former U.S. backed dictator Fulgencio Batista, terrorists and deposed rich landowners, the aim of the invasion was to overthrow the young revolution that had, scarcely more than two years previously, triumphed on January 1st, 1959.

Under the CIA's Plan Pluto, the invaders' objective was to establish a beachhead, fly in representatives from the Cuban-exile community in Miami, and then declare that a new

Sara González, **Cuban Ambassador, Teresita Vicente** spoke about the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the 6<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Communist Party. "The attack was part of a plan to destroy the revolution and Fidel said the US does not forgive Cuba for having a socialist revolution under their nose." The congress had a thousand delegates, representing 800,000 members."

She told how there is a 752 billion dollar loss to Cuba because of the US Blockade, which violates human rights of a people, and reminded everyone about the five Cuban heroes unjustly imprisoned in the US simply for fighting against terrorism. She thanked the CCFA Toronto and everyone for their solidarity with Cuba.

Following the formal part of the evening, **Yani Borrell and his Cuban Band "Los Clave Kings"** played lively music to round off the tribute to Cuba's victory, the first defeat of United States imperialism in Latin America.



(L-R) Sra. Aura Suárez Villalobos – Vice-Consul of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Sr. Carlos E. Segura Aragón – Vice-Consul of El Salvador; Sr. Oscar Armando Toledo – Consul General of El Salvador; Sr. Jorge F. Soberón Luis – Consul General of Cuba; Sr. Julio E. Pujol Torres – Consul of Cuba.

*Photo: Courtesy of Cuban Consulate General in Toronto*

"provisional government" had been constituted. This provisional government would then request that the United States intervene militarily in Cuba.

These plans came to nothing. Within three days the Cuban people comprehensively defeated the invaders, shattering the myth of U.S. invincibility. The defeat of this brazen act of war represented the first defeat of U.S. imperialism in Latin America.

On April 16, in Havana, the day before the invasion, a solemn ceremony was held for those who had been killed on April 15 during the bombings by U.S. aircraft. Cuban leader Fidel Castro declared the socialist character of the Cuban Revolution, proclaiming that the Cuban people had created a revolution "of the humble, by the humble, for the humble. And for this revolution of the humble, by the humble, for the humble, we are ready to give our lives."

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## Logical Conclusion of a Farce: The Posada Trial in the USA

“The farcical trial came to its logical conclusion: a farcical acquittal. MINREX says it all in this statement (below) and issues a logical challenge.”

*from: Jane Franklin janefranklin.info*

[She has written an excellent book about the history of the US-Cuba relationship.]

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA on the 9th of April, 2011.

In the afternoon of April 8, 2011, the farce that had begun thirteen weeks ago in El Paso, Texas, came to an end when terrorist Luis Posada Carriles was acquitted of all the charges pressed against him during an immigration trial.

To all those who have been following the sinister history behind this terrorist and his links with successive US governments, the FBI and the CIA in his dirty war against Cuba, this is additional proof of the support and protection that the US authorities have traditionally granted to him.

Since the moment of his landing in Florida after traveling from Isla Mujeres in Mexico on board the “Santrina” boat, as was denounced at that time by Commander in Chief Fidel Castro, Posada Carriles has been, as he always was, under the tutelage and protection of the US government.

He was tried for committing perjury during an immigration trial, not for being a terrorist, and this is an outrage against the people of Cuba and the families who were plunged into mourning by the actions committed by Posada.

The shameless verdict at El Paso is in full contradiction with the anti-terrorist policy that the US government is said to profess, which has even led to military interventions against other nations, taking a toll of thousands of human lives.

The US government is absolutely aware of Posada Carriles’ involvement in the blowing-up in mid-air of a Cubana de Aviación airliner off Barbados in 1976, the bombing spree against Cuban tourist facilities in 1997 and his planned attempt against the life of our Commander in Chief Fidel Castro in Panama in 2000, for which he was even convicted in that country. [ *Ed. note: The President of Panama pardoned him just before she left office and then she went to live in the*

*United States.*]

The US government has all the evidence of the crimes committed by Posada, many of which were presented in court at El Paso.

We are still [waiting] to see if the US government is capable of either filing a new claim against Posada Carriles on a charge of terrorism or accepting his extradition to Venezuela, as was requested more than five years ago by that country, taking into account the US government’s legal obligation derived from the international covenants it is party to and the UN Security Council Resolution 1373 of 2001, which was promoted by the US government itself.

As paradoxical as it may seem, while Posada Carriles is being acquitted, five Cuban anti-terrorists remain unjustly imprisoned in the United States for collecting information about the actions perpetrated by terrorists of Cuban origin who, like Posada Carriles, are [also] walking free and with impunity down the streets of Miami. [Ed. note: One of them was Orlando Bosch who has just died - without paying for his crimes.]

Cuba reaffirms that the US government is responsible for this outcome and challenges it to take on its obligations in the struggle against terrorism, without hypocrisy or double standards.

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## Again Venezuela Urges USA to Extradite Posada Carriles

Caracas, April 14th (Prensa Latina) The Venezuelan government issued an official note urging the United States once more to extradite terrorist Luis Posada Carriles, who was recently acquitted in a trial described as a farce.

The Venezuelan Foreign Ministry announced it would send the note to U.S. diplomats in Caracas, reiterating the extradition request it made in 2005, in line with an extradition agreement in force for nearly 90 years.

“We will take the document with our request, so that Posada Carriles can be tried here for the explosion of a Cuban airliner,” Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro said. The U.S.-protected terrorist is the self-confessed mastermind of the attack on the Cuban plane in October 1976, which killed 73 people.

In 1985, Posada Carriles escaped [with help from the US] from a maximum security prison in San Juan de los Morros, Venezuela’s Guarico state, while awaiting sentencing for that crime.



**POSADA CARRILES, LIAR, TERRORIST**

## NEW POEMS BY TONY GUERRERO

### One of the Cuban Five in prison in the USA



#### Cuando cierran

Cuando cierran la puerta de hierro  
silbadores vientos de huracán  
encima se me echan y me apagan  
el candil, parpadeando en mis manos.  
La celda se vuelve una laguna  
en la que yacen palomas muertas  
y por mi trepa su olor a espanto  
como si las sombras me embistieran.  
Con mi inofensivo corazón  
desgarro el silencio congelado,  
adalgazo ausencias prolongadas  
hasta que la larga noche pasa  
y todas las tinieblas se esfuman  
envueltas en la luz matutina.

*27 de enero de 2010 / 27 January, 2010*

#### When They Close

When they close the iron door  
whistling hurricane winds  
hurl themselves against me, putting out  
the lamp that fluttered in my hands.  
The prison cell becomes a lagoon  
in which dead doves float  
and its foul smell comes upon me  
as if the darkness were attacking me.  
With my harmless heart  
I shatter the frozen silence,  
I reduce prolonged absences  
until the long night passes  
and the dense darkness softens,  
wrapped in the morning light.

*Trans. Keith Ellis*

Compañera Ann Nicholson received the following note from the ICAP rep in Cienfuegos Maria Probanca:

“Here are some poems by one of our brothers unjustly imprisoned in the United States. For anybody, the endless days ‘without direction’, without either fragrance, echo or colour would make this ‘an unending walk’, a true and agonizing hell. But we are ordinary folk and not heroes like our 5 brothers”  
They will return!”

A hug from  
Maria

#### [Sin Título]

Este origen de día sin rumbo  
que sujeto al viento de la vida  
sobre mi esparce luz de aurora  
nunca es perdida, sino ganancia.  
Esta sucesion de atardeceres  
sin fragancias ni ecos ni colores  
que fija mi sustancia imperfecta  
nunca es perdida, sino ganancia.  
Este tiempo cargado de pausas  
que no deja mi amor madure,  
crepusculo en un paraje oscuro  
como una vereda interminable  
entre sombras que crecen y tiemblan,  
nunca es perdida, sino ganancia.

*28 de enero de 2010 / 28 January, 2010*

#### [Untitled]

This beginning of an aimless day  
that subject to the winds of life  
spreads morning light over me  
is never a loss, always a gain.  
This succession of afternoons  
without fragrances, echoes or colours,  
that sustains my imperfect being  
is never a loss, always a gain.  
Time heavy with pauses  
that keeps my love from flourishing,  
twilight in some obscure place  
like an endless pathway  
among darkness that grows and trembles,  
is never a loss, always a gain.

*Trans. Keith Ellis*

## Canada's Relationship with Castro Shaded by USA *excerpts: By Jordon Press, for PostMedia News, 19 Apr/11*

There's one good reason why Fidel Castro had a good relationship with Canada: we're not the United States. With Castro officially handing over power to his younger brother, the U.S. likely will continue to affect the relationship Canada has with Cuba.

Just as American foreign policy is warming up to Cuba, Canadian relations have cooled, which could affect Canada's economic and diplomatic interests in Cuba and Latin America.

Experts say that, unless Canada changes its foreign policy strategy for Cuba, it's unlikely that Canada's influence in the region will improve even with a new Castro in power. "I don't think you're going to see anybody of a senior cabinet level visiting Cuba and I don't think you're going to see Raúl Castro get [an invitation] from Ottawa for an official visit if Stephen Harper is re-elected," said Peter McKenna, Chair of the Department of Political Studies, University of Prince Edward Island.

In the years that Fidel Castro was in power, the relationship with Canada was always "normal," said John Kirk, an expert on Cuban-Canadian relations from Dalhousie University. "The key word is 'normal.' It's a normal relationship with ups and downs," he said. "We should set ideology to one side and look at the broader interest of Canadian foreign policy."

"The low point in government to government relations in the past 30 years has come under Stephen Harper. But people to people, however, it's extremely successful."

On Tuesday, the reins of power were passed officially from Fidel, 84, to brother Raúl Castro, 79, after a vote of the Communist Party's congress. The elder Castro had ceded control to his younger brother when he fell ill in 2006. The vote marked the first time in more than 40 years that Fidel Castro was not first secretary of the Communist Party.

In 1961, Canada announced it would not follow Washington's lead and cut diplomatic ties with Cuba. John Diefenbaker's decision to maintain the status quo was driven in part by personal feelings — he didn't like John F. Kennedy — and in part because he saw an opportunity for Canada. "Diefenbaker, the original Red Tory, believed that with the U.S. breaking relations . . . Canada could fill the gap," Kirk said.

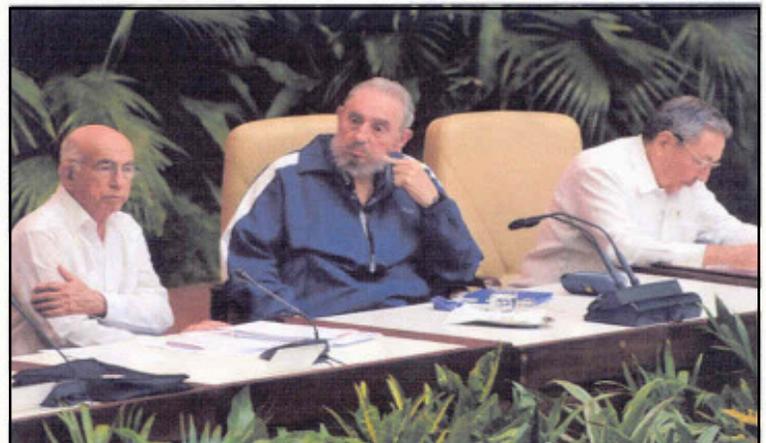
During the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis — when the presence of Soviet missiles on Cuban soil brought the world as close as it's ever been to a full-scale nuclear war — Diefenbaker was hesitant to agree to American requests to put Canadian troops on high alert, widening the gulf between Canada and U.S. policy toward Cuba.

Since the early 1960s, Canada has continually tried to show its independence from the United States on foreign policy, with Cuba being a primary example, McKenna said. In the years that followed, the Canada-Cuba relationship had more ups than downs. Trudeau visited Cuba in 1976, the first NATO leader to visit the country during the Cold War.

Castro and Trudeau had similar histories — they were Jesuit-educated and held law degrees — and Castro liked that Trudeau worked in the Cuban sugarcane fields in 1949, a fact Castro took as evidence that Trudeau understood the Cuban people. The relationship continued even after Trudeau cut foreign aid to Cuba in 1978. When Trudeau died in 2000, Castro was an honorary pallbearer at the funeral.

The bilateral relationship cooled under Brian Mulroney, Kirk said, and cooled further under Jean Chretien. Kirk said the federal government doesn't understand Cuba or how to engage with it properly at a diplomatic level.

Economic ties between Canada and Cuba remained strong over the years. Every year, thousands of Canadians vacation in Cuba. According to Statistics Canada, more than 700,000 [*It is almost 1 million for 2010*] Canadians visited Cuba in 2007, injecting \$629 million into the Cuban economy. "Canadian tourists are very important for the Cuban economy," said Jose Azel, a Cuban exile and senior scholar at the Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies at the University of Miami.



(L-R) 1st VP José Ramón Machado, Fidel Castro, Cuban Pres. Raúl Castro  
Photo: Adalberto Roque AFP/Getty Images

## Carter Slams US Policy towards Cuba

HAVANA, Cuba March 30-(ain/acn) In Havana, former U.S. President Jimmy Carter criticized the U.S. Government's policy toward Cuba and said he was satisfied with his meeting with Cuban Revolutionary leader Fidel Castro.

At a press conference at Havana's Convention Center, Carter slammed the 1996 Helms-Burton Act, which reinforced the US economic, commercial and financial blockade against Cuba, and the unjust imprisonment of the five Cuban antiterrorists in the US since 1998.

The "embargo," he said referring to the blockade, "is counterproductive and only punishes the Cuban people."

Carter reminded the audience that the Helms-Burton Act was passed after his term in office (1977-1981). He also said it was a mistake to keep Cuba on the list of countries sponsoring terrorism.

"It is untrue that Cuba collaborates with terrorism," he said, calling it unreal.

The former US president described as unfair the sentences imposed upon Gerardo Hernández, Fernando González, Ramón Labañino, Antonio Guerrero and René González — internationally known as the Cuban Five — and said he was pleased to have met with the mothers of two of them and the wives of three.

He wished for the Cuban Five's prompt return "to their homes in Cuba." Carter said he was pleased by the good health of Fidel and the opportunity Cuban President Raul Castro gave him to visit Cuba again.

Carter, 86, and the 39th president of the United States, arrived in Havana last Monday and visited several places of historical interest, and held meetings with Cuban authorities.

This was the second time that Carter visited Havana. The first visit took place in May, 2002, which turned him into the first former or sitting US President to travel to Cuba after the triumph of the Revolution in 1959.

## US Seizes UN Health Funds for Cuba

The U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) seized \$4.207 million from the United Nations Foundation Fund for AIDS destined to be transferred to Cuba.

The payment was to pay for the fight against AIDS and tuberculosis in Cuba during the first quarter of 2011, Deputy Foreign Trade Minister Orlando Hernández said, according to Prensa Latina.

Hernández said the UN Development Program told the Cuban government that OFAC froze the funds in January.

The seized funds were part of a UN program that makes annual payments to Cuba. Hernández said the action constituted an "illegal act" that seriously hinders international cooperation.

Source: [www.cubastandard.com/2011/03/13/u-s-seizes-un-health-funds-cuba-says/](http://www.cubastandard.com/2011/03/13/u-s-seizes-un-health-funds-cuba-says/)

[Note: The UN Headquarters was located in the US after intense lobbying by the US. It was accepted on the understanding that the US would not interfere with UN representatives from any country and the workings of the UN.

However, the US restricts the Cuban members of the UN to remain within a specific number of miles from the UN and has refused to give visas for some Cubans invited by the UN to speak.]



## Cuba Develops New Arthritis Drug in Face of US Blockade

Cuban scientists have developed a new arthritis drug to replace a similar imported drug blocked by the U.S. economic sanctions, a health official said here.

The new radiopharmaceutical medicine developed by the Isotopes Center of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment is named "P32 chromic phosphate." ...

The therapy involves injecting the drug into the joints

with chronic synovial inflammation to reduce the pain and improve the joints' function.

Cuban doctors said by this way, it is possible to avoid painful operations. ...

Cuban patients previously had to go to Europe, Canada, Japan, Argentina, Mexico or Colombia for "complex operations."

# Haitian President Decorates Cuban Medical Brigade

Havana, April 20th (ACN-RHC) Haitian president, René Prével, decorated the Cuban medical brigade with the National Order of Honor and Merit. This highest distinction from the Caribbean nation was this time awarded for the praiseworthy work of the Cuban medical brigade in the struggle against cholera.

The ceremony was held at the presidential Palace in the capital, where the main authority of the state gave the award to Dr. Lorenzo Somarriba López, chief of the Cuban mission.

The meeting was attended by Minister of Public Health and Population, Alex Larsen, representatives of the Haitian government and of international and non-governmental organizations. The Cuban doctors have saved more than 73,000 people from the cholera epidemic with the very low mortality rate of 0.37%.

# Canadians' Campaign for the "Cuba Medical Brigade for Haiti" continues.

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Please write "Cuba for Haiti" on the memo line of the cheque.

## Cuban Victory at Playa Girón

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The proclamation of the socialist character of the Cuban Revolution and the defeat of the CIA mercenary invasion declared before the world that Cuba would never return to the ignominy of imperialist domination, but instead had firmly placed the Cuban nation in the hands of its people, who would build, as Cuba's national hero José Martí envisioned, a society "with all and for all."

In the fifty years that have passed, the people of Cuba have resolutely resisted and withstood the relentless efforts of Washington to destroy their Revolution and re-impose U.S. tutelage.

On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of this historic victory, which opened up a new era in the Americas, the Canadian Network on Cuba extends its warmest and heartfelt greetings to the people of Cuba. We continue our efforts in friendship and solidarity with the Cuban people, for the end to the US Blockade and for justice for the Five Cuban heroes imprisoned in US jails.

LONG LIVE THE CUBAN REVOLUTION!

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