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Cubans celebrate revolution anniversary

United Press International
MIAMI — At dawn on July 26, 1953, Fidel Castro and a band of guerrillas staged an abortive attack on Cuba's Moncada Garrison that made Castro a criminal and sent him into hiding in the nearby mountains.

The bearded Cuban president returned to "the cradle of the revolution" in Santiago de Cuba Wednesday to celebrate the 25th anniversary of his revolutionary movement and praise those who died in the skirmish.

The 26th of July celebration came when once-thawing U.S.-Cuba relations appeared to be near their lowest point since President Carter took office.

Unlike the mass rallies of previ-

ous years, Castro spoke Wednesday before 17,000 carefully chosen delegates at the old garrison, now called the 26th of July School City.

The garrison audience included "1,500 outstanding members of the Committees for the Defense of the Revolution" and 1,000 delegates to the 11th annual World Youth Festival, which gets under way Friday in Havana.

Preparations for the youth festival and its 20,000 international delegates have overshadowed the anniversary of Castro's revolution, which in years past has been the island nation's major holiday.

After days of hiding in the mountains following the 1953 attack, Castro finally surrendered to Fulgencio Batista's forces when he

was guaranteed he would not be executed.

Castro was imprisoned in the Isle of Pines, but was pardoned by Batista and exiled to Mexico, where he organized another attack in December 1956 which — after two years of guerrilla fighting in the mountains — toppled the Batista government and brought Castro to power on Jan. 1, 1959.

Participants in this week's celebrations include Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat and Mrs. Salvador Allende, widow of the leftist Chilean president, along with Communist leaders from around the world.

Workers in Santiago de Cuba and Havana have spent months sprucing up buildings and repairing streets in

advance of the anniversary and the week-long youth festival.

Havana Radio recently reported the capital city was being turned into a "beautiful and warm headquarters" for the festival.

The flurry of construction also is aimed at luring American tourists and their dollars to the Caribbean island. U.S. tour groups began visiting the island last year after Carter allowed a travel ban to expire.

Lifting the ban was seen as the first concrete step toward renewing

relations between the two nations broken by President Eisenhower in January 1961.

But the thawing relations after the United States publicly to Cuban military operations in Africa and linked diplomatic relations to Cuban withdrawal from the continent.

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