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Another question. We know that in all events in Latin America, the driving force of development was the struggle between two imperialisms. I believe there were comrades who maintained that Machado represented US imperialism and the Nationalists represented England, but failing to find proof that the Nationalists are inspired by the British, they have decided that the theory of the struggle between two imperialisms is applicable to the entire world but not to Cuba. I have taken a position against such a point of view. The material at my disposal clearly shows that the struggle of England and the United States for Cuba is of long standing. I want to refer to Comrade Pokofsky's article which says that there are comrades, who as Marxians are trying to find an economic basis for all the events and struggles that take place in the world, but when we have an event for which we cannot find an economic explanation, such comrades proceed to negate the event itself. In this case it is this sort of a mistake of the comrades, who because they cannot see the economic basis for the struggle want to deny the very existence of the struggle between British and United States imperialism in Cuba. The fact of the matter is that England has been trying to interfere in the events in Cuba all of the time. The Nationalists know, of course, that if they have derlings with England, United States will never agree to the removal of Machado, which would explain why the Nationalists would not so readily accept the offers of England, but whether England has or has not direct economic interests, she has done everything to support the Nationalists, but this does not mean that the Nationalists were behaving as England wanted them to behave.

A few facts. At the time of the sharpest conflicts, a British warship was in the Havana Harbor. An excursion of 55 prominent Canadian capitalists visited Havana and carried through a series of negotiations about certain import and export arrangements, and I believe that certain offers made by them have more political than commercial value. The Visit of Sir Eric Dumont must also be mentioned in connection with that. We have a letter from Paris, where the comrades say that many transports of munitions have been sent from England. We can say, in my opinion that Machado is for the United States and the Nationalists for England, but it cannot be said that England has done everything possible to sharpen the struggle.

I will now say a few words about the organization of the working class. I don't think I need bring figures about the economic conditions of the workers. There are 600,000 unemployed. Wages have been reduced at least 20 per cent, and naturally every movement on the sugar market effects the conditions of the workers. I will make a rough division among the working class organizations: We have the Fascists, -- the Railroad Brotherhood. At the head of the organization we have Fabrigan Revello. These are the employees of the secret police. The officials of this union, carry, as union officials, mandates of the secret police. On the question of the emergency law, Revello, the leader of the Brotherhood has written an article entitled "The Socialist Law Has Come", proving that there is only one president in Latin America who understands that the tax law must be directed against the rich. A second article by Revello says that one of the best fathers of the working class in Cuba is Machado.— There were sometimes unpleasant things which rose out of situations with the workers, but this was the fault of the radicals who were inciting the masses against Machado. This railroad organization has 45,000 members, but none of the locals of the union pay dues. It is an absolutely ficticious number. The organization is rotten through and through. We must understand that last year we have succeeded in securing the leadership of the union, because the masses were supporting us. One comrade was assassinated; one comrade in charge of the ballot boxes was taken away by the police, and the candidates were arrested. So although we conquered the union, with the support of the masses, it could not be realized. We still have some connections with this union, but it is now one of our weakest spots. We have not set foot, really in the union. Officially it means that these bandits are the representatives of 45,000 workers

The second classification is the Tobacco workers,-the Torcedores. There are about 40,000 members in this union. We call the leaders of this [illegible]

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