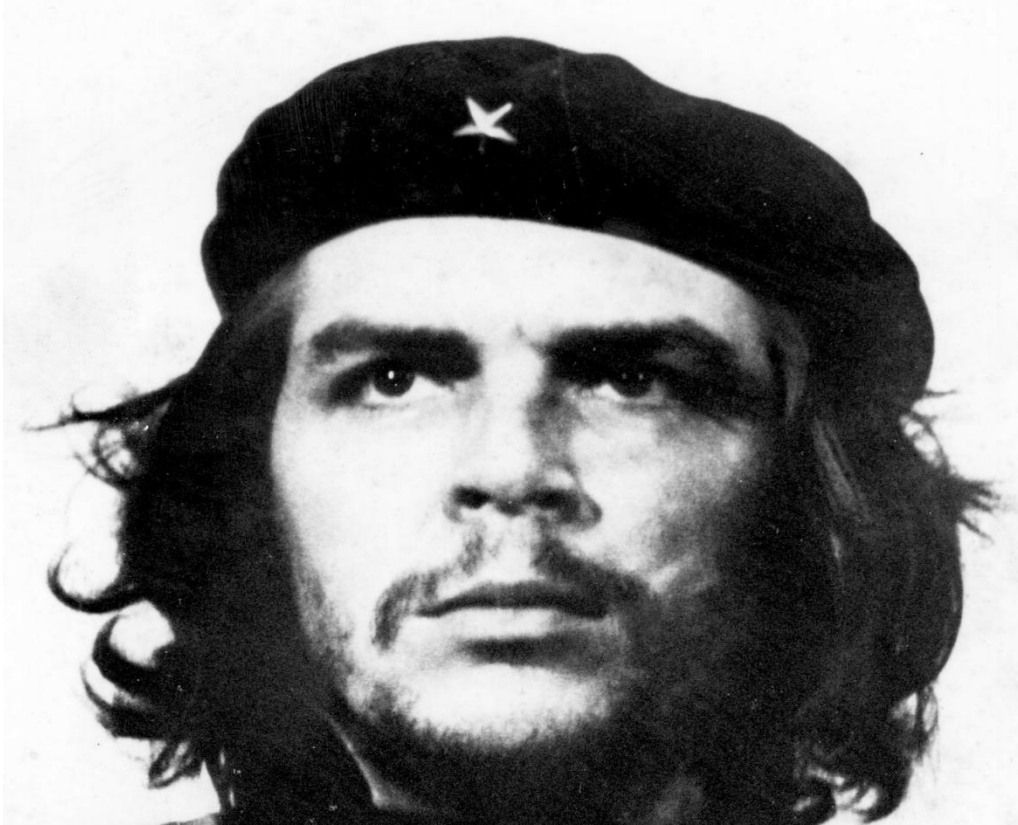


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Che Guevara

The Peoples Friend?



Che Guevara is revered as a 'Cult Hero' by many well-known celebrities, and suggested as a role model for today's youth. But who was he really? In reality, he was a sadistic monster, who had no respect for life; and was responsible for the deaths of thousands of innocent victims.

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And expounded unto him, the way of God more perfectly.' Acts 18:26.

Ernesto 'Che' Guevara, an Argentinian by birth, is remembered today, along with the Castro brothers, as the Revolutionary 'heroes', of the Communist takeover of Cuba. They also tried to export their Communist takeover strategy to the Congo, which failed; and to Bolivia, which also failed; and where Guevara was caught, and paid for his crimes. They had as well, tried to convince the Soviet Union to Nuke the U.S.A., but, fortunately, the Soviets had more common sense, and less enthusiasm, than Guevara and Castro.

Tee-shirts with Guevara's face on them are in vogue among the young, celebrities, and Liberals; partly because he was admittedly photogenic; and partly because his image has been sanitised, to present him in pop culture as a 'Cult Hero' who suffered martyrdom, for his 'cause.' In truth, Guevara was a psychopathic nightmare who found sadistic pleasure in brutally murdering innocent people. He once stated, "It's criminal to think of the needs of the individual." Which must have included their 'need' to live.

In 1959, Fidel Castro appointed Guevara Commandant of the La Cabana Fortress (which served as a prison), and also as Chief Judge of the Revolutionary Tribunals there. In the post-revolutionary purges, thousands of 'war criminals,' were murdered at La Cabana. How fair were the 'Trials?' Guevara's advice to those involved in the trials was, "Do not delay the proceedings. This is a Revolution. Do not use bourgeois legal methods, the *evidence* is secondary. We must proceed to convict. (Sentence to death). There is no need for much enquiry to execute anyone. We only need to know if they should be executed; nothing else."

In a speech, he said, "It is logical that in times of excessive tension, we cannot proceed weakly. We have imprisoned many people, without knowing for sure if they were guilty. At the Sierra Maestra we executed many people by firing squad without knowing if they were fully guilty. At times, the Revolution cannot stop to conduct much investigation; it has the obligation to triumph."

In a 1966 speech, he said, "Hatred is the central element of our struggle! Hatred that is intransigent...hatred so violent that it propels a human being beyond his natural limitations, making him a violent and cold-blooded killing machine...We reject any peaceful approach. Violence is inevitable. To establish Socialism rivers of blood must flow! The Imperialist enemy must feel like a hunted animal wherever he moves. Thus, we'll destroy him! These hyenas are fit only for extermination. We must keep our hatred alive and fan it to paroxysm! The victory of Socialism is well worth millions of atomic victims." (From a Heritage Foundation Article by Mike Gonzalez).

The people they were murdering, were citizens of the Country they were supposedly 'freeing.' Who were these people, whom they 'only needed to know if they *should* be executed?' They were anyone who was against, or did not support, the Communist takeover.

Guevara's widow, Aleida March, wrote a book of her life with him, called 'Remembering Che.' In it, she presents Guevara as a loving, caring, humanitarian, who was striving to make a 'better world for everyone.' I wonder if his victims could recall him as a 'loving humanitarian?' Or, as the sadistic psychopath he really was.

Because of his inhumane conduct, Guevara was labelled, the butcher of la Cabana, by those who worked with him. Russia warned Castro to reign him in, and in the end, even Fidel Castro became embarrassed by the atrocities, suspending the trials there, and removing Guevara from the post, making him instead, President of the National Bank of Cuba.

In the 1960's Chinese Premier Chou En Lai had stated, "If he could take the Congo, he could take the whole of Africa." The Chinese began to support Communist groups in the Congo, providing them with weapons, expertise, and advisers. Cuba also had plans for the Congo, as part of their intention to spread Communism by International Revolution.

In December 1964, Guevara soke in Algiers, where he condemned the Soviet Union for colonialism. Cuba was a bankrupt nation under Castro, relying on the Soviets for financial aid to survive, but Guevara had obviously forgotten the old maxim, 'You don't bite the hand that feeds you.' The Soviet leaders were furious, as was Castro, who called Guevara in for a long private meeting on his return. He had decided to rid himself of Guevara, who had become too much of a loose cannon.

Guevara was sent to the Congo, with a Cuban force, to train the rebels there in guerrilla warfare, where he spent a year. But in the end, the rebels were defeated by the Government forces, led by small groups of highly trained South African and Rhodesian Mercenaries.

Guevara left the Congo in disgrace after the defeat, and was on the run, and in hiding, until Castro told him he had made a deal with the head of the Bolivian Communist Party, for Guevara to go there and lead a guerrilla war. It was a trap. He flew to la Paz, heavily disguised, but found there was no Army, no food, and no weapons.

His small group tried to take on the Government, but it was hunted down, and Guevara captured. He was imprisoned in a school room in a local village, until the President of Bolivia sent a message telling the leader of the group, that Guevara had to be executed. A young soldier volunteered to do it. He went alone into the room where Guevara was held, and shot him 9 times. The poster boy of the revolution was dead.

So, how have the people of Cuba fared since being 'freed' to live in Che's 'better world for everyone,' more than 65 years ago? The Politicians have done very well thank you, becoming extremely wealthy, as they do in all Communist countries. Those in the Military have also done well, because all Communist Utopias are in essence Military Dictatorships, where the 'people' are controlled by an iron fist, which necessitates a large Military presence.

Cuba's economy was heavily subsidised by the Soviet Union, until the Soviet's fall in 1991, and the Cuban people were hard hit by the loss. The average person (outside of the Government, and the Military), lost about one third of their bodyweight. Today, for the 'people,' basic food items are still rationed, which allows them very little of anything, even when it *is* available. Many of them rely on money sent from relatives in other countries, especially the U.S., to survive. There is a thriving Black Market, to supply

what the Government does not supply; and even people in such professions as doctors, cannot make a legal living by their profession; and some moonlight as Taxi drivers, for the money they receive from tourists as tips, U.S. dollars being especially coveted. One Doctor used his ambulance as the vehicle to sell black market meat from.

Housing is in short supply, and each dwelling has an average of three generations of a family living in it. This is because, as in all Communist countries, the economy is drained by the Military, and very little is used to support the infrastructure.

In the 1966 speech, Guevara said, "To establish Socialism, rivers of blood must flow." And, in response to a question at the U.N., he blurted out, "Execute? Yes, we *have* executed. We *are* executing. And we will *continue* to execute." That is common policy in all Communist countries. More people have been murdered in Communist countries in 'peace' time, than in all the wars there have ever been. In the 20th century, more than 140 million people were victims of Communism. Stalin murdered 60-70 million, as did Mao. This is how they create their 'better world for everyone.'

After his death, Che's wife lamented that he had been assassinated 'in such a brutal way.' Guevara begged for his life, before the Bolivian soldiers who had captured him. "Do not shoot! I am Che Guevara, and I am worth more to you alive than dead." Really? Alive, his reign of terror would continue unabated. Dead, a lot of innocent victims would continue to live instead of him. The Bolivian soldiers did the noble thing.

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