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Ernesto Guevara at the United Nations, 1964.



Pictured in Bolivia, from left to right, Gustavo Machin Hoed de Beche (Alejandro), Guido Alvaro Peredo Leigue (Inti), Leonardo Tamayo Núñez (Urbano), Eliseo Reyes Rodríguez (Rolando), Ernesto Guevara de la Serna (Che) and Carlos Coello (Tuma).

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The Argentine-Cuban guerilla commander while helping to build houses for residents of Las Yaguas in 1961.



Che playing chess.



Efigenio Ameijeiras, Ernesto Guevara and Guillermo García. Photo taken between April and May of 1957 in the Sierra Maestra.

ERNESTO "CHE" GUEVARA

Different views of a global personality

Danae González del Toro

• "OUR free eyes open now on new horizons and can see what yesterday, in our condition as colonial slaves, we could not perceive: that "Western Civilization" disguises with its showy facade an image of hyenas and jackals."

The legendary figure of Ernesto "Che" Guevara has been, and will forever be, an example for Cuba and people across the entire world.

He performed various roles in our country: a leader of a guerilla column in the struggle to overthrow the Fulgencio Batista dictatorship; undertaking volunteer work alongside the Cuban people; supporting the development of the island's sports movement; and as an internationalist combatant.

He was renowned for being a clear thinker, who predicted the dismal future awaiting humanity if we were not intelligent enough to stop it. In 1964 he participated in the United Nations General

Assembly, an event no one will ever forget and which will forever be recorded in history.

In his remarks before the largest global forum, Che addressed international events of the time. He spoke about the Gulf of Tonkin incident, which led to direct U.S. military intervention in Southeast Asia and the start of the Vietnam War. He went on to comment on events in the Congo, where he had previously traveled clandestinely with a small contingent of Cuban combatants; and of course couldn't fail to mention the tightening of the imperialist blockade against Cuba.

He also made a call to the President of the General Assembly: "We would like to see this Assembly shake itself out of complacency and move forward. We would like to see the committees begin their work and not stop at the first confrontation. Imperialism wants to turn this meeting into a pointless oratorical tournament, instead of solving the serious problems of the world. We must prevent it from

doing so. This session of the Assembly should not be remembered in the future solely by the number 19 that identifies it."

As well as an excellent fighter, Che was also, according to Comandante en Jefe Fidel Castro Ruz a "tireless worker, in the years that he served our homeland, he never knew a single day of rest."

And not only did he stand out as a guerilla leader, head of a ministry as important as that of Industry, and director of the National Bank of Cuba, but also as a regular man helping out with everyday tasks such as voluntary work.

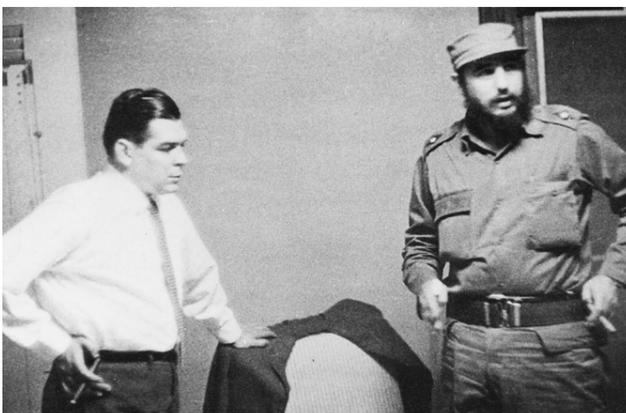
Ernesto "Che" Guevara is no longer with us, but his legacy continues to live on in the heart of every revolutionary across the world. By remembering Che, we not only honor, but also, revive him, paying tribute to him in the best way possible by doing what needs to be done. To Che the Cuban people say: ¡Hasta Siempre Comandante! •

COURTESY OF THE FAMILY



Heroine of the Moncada attack, Melba Hernández, with Che.

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Fidel Castro and Ernesto Guevara (Che) the night before Che departed for the Congo, March 31, 1965.