

**Review: Tom White, *Missiles Over Cuba, the Tom White Story*,
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Imprisonment Behind the Sugarcane Curtain

Tom White's plane came down over Cuba on May 27, 1979, while dropping gospel tracts overhead, and he soon found himself imprisoned in Fidel Castro's communist hell.

His experience exposes the facade of even basic 'freedoms' under socialism, also its raw hatred of Christianity. For example:

*The only true religion was Fidel Castro.

*Cuban and Russian 'pastors' proclaim freedom of religion in their countries to the world when none exists.

*New churches were not being built in Cuba due to a lack of concrete!

The economic situation is also horrible because the two percent in power are economically illiterate and spend most of their time seeking out enemies of the state and enforcing atheism:

*All Cuban medicine must be purchased after the 'free' treatment.

*The "ration book" is a present-day reality.

*Hair-brained food plan failures like the Rabbit Plan (all imported rabbits died due to the tropical heat) and the Pig Plan (imported pigs used to the cold died from the heat).

The antichrist spirit of communism's father, Karl Marx is also touched on, as derived from his poems:

*"Human Pride" ("I will feel equal to the Creator.").

*"The Player" ("The hellish vapors rise and fill the brain").

*"The Pale Maiden" ("My soul, once true to God, Is chosen for hell.")

There is no doubt communism is atheism and can never coexist with Christianity. As Lenin said:

"Communism without atheism is meaningless."

Foreword (pp. i-ii)

Cuba puts up fierce resistance to any form of Christianity.

Prologue (pp. iii-xvi)

Cuba destroyed 100,000 Bibles on one occasion, only saving the leather covers to make purses.

Cuba is also known as the "Sugarcane Curtain".

I) "Eight Zero Juliet...Mayday! Mayday!" (pp. 1-33)

Cuba is 45 miles from the US.

II) Bread Over Troubled Waters (pp. 35-50)

The only religion in Cuba was Fidel Castro.

III) In the School of the Spirit (pp. 51-69)

Cuban and Russian pastors go on official world tours proclaiming complete freedom of religion in their countries.

In 1975, Nicaragua, the author saw a seminary bulletin board slogan, “We are united with our Nicaraguan brothers” as Liberation theology swept Latin America.

When the World Council of Churches met in Kenya the Soviet Bloc representatives were told by Russian delegates to vote “together”.

The tracts to be dumped over Cuba were laminated in mylar, which is practically indestructible.

IV) Manna From 10,000 Feet (pp. 70-90)

The flight was at 9,000 feet [i.e. the lower troposphere].

Flying is difficult because split-second complex decisions are required in the face of difficult and unexpected problems.

The author got stomach cancer which a surgeon removed.

Cuban prisoners are fed with powdered milk from China, labelled “for animal consumption only”.

Communists openly state that communism is not family-oriented.

V) Third Foot of the Cat (pp. 91-111)

Cuban prisoners are housed in ten foot cells with four people.

The prison Captain would rage about the author’s white skin and how superior he thought he was to him.

Communist officials are pressured from higher up to move faster with the interrogation process.

Hypothermia produces confusion.

VI) Havana Tourist (pp. 113-128)

Communism creates a “canned” society, literally.

Tortures involved ice-water baths and twenty-year prison sentences.

During one ‘church’ ‘service’, a woman was entering with a sack (it was really an apartment house).

Fidel Castro said new churches were not being built in Cuba due to a lack of concrete.

All Cuban medicine must be purchased after ‘free’ treatment.

The ration book is a present day reality.

Fidel had many hair-brained plans:

-The Rabbit Plan: all imported rabbits died due to the tropical heat.

-The Pig Plan: imported pigs used to the cold died from the heat.

Russians had to appoint Soviet advisers in Cuba after seeing millions of roubles wasted

VII) “Internal Security” (pp. 129-138)

Frequent dysentery bouts kept the author in a weakened state.

Cuban Papal Nuncio Monsignor Zacchi permitted Catholic youth to become members of the Communist Youth Organisation.

Marx’s poetry included:

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-“The Player” (“The hellish vapors rise and fill the brain”).

-“The Pale Maiden” (“My soul, once true to God, Is chosen for hell”).

VIII) In the School of Sufferology (pp. 139-151)

The Cuban show prison “Combinado del Este” where the author was housed was cockroach city and full of rats.

IX) Counter-Revolutionary for Christ (pp. 153-177)

Cuban law says a trial must be held before 180 days of imprisonment.

The Communist court in Havana knew the author’s pilot was listed as an Instructor Pilot in a Pentagon computer.

Ed Beffel from the US State Department said the author’s Cuban trial reminded him of the Scopes monkey trial.

Making or possession of written or oral propaganda “against the socialist order, international solidarity, or the revolutionary state” was punishable by three to twelve years.

The author’s case bypassed the courts and went right up to the Council of Ministers which consisted of Fidel Castro, brother Raul, and two or three other yes-men.

The G-2 secret police apparatus in Cuba is the law.

The Socialist state educates the people in the scientific materialistic concept of the universe.

The best Cuban grapefruits and mangoes are exported to Canada!

The state newspaper called the *Granma* is a rich source of fiction.

Lenin said “Communism without atheism is meaningless.”

Only a great mindless collective exists.

A two-percent hierarchy of police and officials run the communist state.

Prisoners were killed nightly in sodomite love triangles and possession disputes.

There are no Christian bookstores, radio, or television stations.

Children wear red neck ties and are told to report even their parents to Committee for the Defense of the Revolution (CDR).

All print shops are run “by the people”.

X) Guard Towers, Our Church Spires (pp. 179-207)

The author’s cell was attacked one night by other Cuban homosexual prisoners.

Chinese rice food contained rocks.

Armando Valladarez was a poet in prison for twenty years and was eventually killed.

The *Granna* was actually the boat Fidel sailed on to his defeat of Batista.

Previous political photos are routinely doctored as previously ‘faithful’ revolutionaries are ‘erased’.

Cuba did not televise the Lunar landing.

XI) Wind Around the World (pp. 209-222)

Fidel began bargaining for Tom's release with the US, beginning at a \$175,000 ransom (which soon increased to \$300,000).

80,000 tourists visit Cuba each year.