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ANALYSIS OF THE WORK REALIZED BY THE  
CUBAN WOMEN'S FEDERATION DURING THE-  
LAST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1970

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Analysis of the work realized by the Cuban Federation of Women during the last eight months

Review of the work realized by the Cuban Federation of Women during the period from November of 1969 to July of 1970 which reflects the most outstanding facts of the multiple activities carried on by the Federation obtaining, in the majority of the cases, an overfulfilment of the tasks.

During this time an ideal has stood out which remains impregnated in the performance of all the activities: the effort made by the members in order to carry into effect our people's decision which is to be able to realize the greatest sugar crop of our history.

Comrade Vilma Espín, president of the FMC (Cuban Federation of Women), concluded the meeting by stating that it had to be acknowledged that the members had realized an extraordinary effort in order to fulfil all the tasks which had been fixed and had also obtained considerable results in the incorporation of women to the social production, in the works of helping the giant sugar crop; in the incorporation to the training courses as well as in the activities of social prevention, health, voluntary work and other tasks performed by the FMC.



The president pointed out that the great development of the woman's conscience reveals itself in the intense activity observed in all the fronts of the Revolution which overcomes any type of difficulties, without stopping at sacrifices.

### PRODUCTION

68,219 is the number of women who has incorporated and remained in their working place during the last six months, said Rosario Fernández, secretary of production at the National Committee of the FMC. The incorporation work that has been realized by the FMC is outstanding, it overfulfilled the goal of 50,000 which was planned to greet the 26th of July.

The systematic work of the Incorporation and Permanence Commissions, which were presided by the Party and integrated by MINTRAB, the Feminine Front of CTC y FMC, at all levels has greatly contributed to maintain the incorporation and create conditions for the housewives to be able to adapt themselves to their new situation of workers.

The housewives' contribution to the voluntary work has also been remarkable. There had been mobilized 4,286 669 woman-days performing that way more than 31 million of voluntary hours. In this respect, it was stated that 20'195,954 hours were contributed to the agriculture work basically in the works of seeding, fertilizing, cleaning and piling sugar cane.

A great effort has been made in helping the giant sugar



crop; the members of the Federation have contributed remarkably not only in the agricultural process but also taking charge of the brigades of cane-cutters, barracks, scales, sugar factories and product receiving centers. Besides there was formed a movement called of the "protectresses" who assisted the cane-cutters and their families. They devoted themselves to the washing of the clothes of the cane-cutters, brought them the mail, organized cultural activities, piled the cut cane and made other works.

In the piling of cane the most outstanding provinces were Oriente, with 86' 434,791 arrobas (1 arroba = twenty-five pounds) of piled cane and Matanzas, with 11 806,981. In Oriente province, 2,657 women have gained the Certificate of 10,000 arrobas of piled cane. This work has been realized with great enthusiasm in all the provinces.

In Camagüey province, troops of aid to the sugar crop have been organized in every section with more than 15,000 women integrated. They are maintaining their activity and carry on, for the time being, the seeding of sugar cane for the crop of 1971.

It was also outstanding the work that had been done by the woman cane-cutters' troops who were cutting cane in Las Villas, Camagüey and other provinces. Though this task is considered as a very hard one for the woman, they demanded the right to offer their aid to the historical sugar crop.

In general, it was said that the tasks which were carried



out by the members of the Federation in aiding the sugar crop were extraordinary.

In the sugar factories, the work has been maintained, 9,209 women have remained in their working places.

Actually, the number of the brigades of Mutual Aid ANAP-FMC surmounts to 5,262 with 54,451 countrywomen. It has to be pointed out that 3,578 of these comrades have become salaried agricultural workers.

These brigades have contributed to the task of the sugar crop by substituting the petty-agriculturists who had joined the cane-cutting and also to the selection of tocaceo.

About the work in the National Work of Aviculture, it was said that in spite of the increasing number of women who had joined the units of aviculture, it was essential to make an effort in order to be able to secure the working power, necessary in this sector.

It was also emphasized that in the incorporation it was necessary to give priority to the hospitals because of the importance of securing a better assistance to the population.

The National Committee stated that all the provinces had made a great effort in the Secretariat of Production and pointed out the results.

#### ORGANIZATION

During the past six months 131,908 new members have joined the FMC, which means a fulfilment of 103% of the goal; that



makes to ascend the number of organized women to a total of 1' 324,751 comrades. This equals the 51% of women of the age from 14 to 65 in this country.

In the national meeting of the Secretariat of Organization, held the 17th and 18th of this month, took part the organizers of the FMC of each provinces and comrade Secundino Guerra, member of the Central Committee of the Party. An extensive analysis was made of the results which have been obtained in this important front of work. Besides of the increment of the organization, it was outstanding the constitution of blocks as an intermediate organism between the delegation of base and of municipality, district or section. The number of the newly formed blocks is 4,646 which means a fulfilment of 99%. Actually there are 27,370 delegations of base owing to the overfulfilment of the goal which was to divide the delegations.

It was pointed out that a significant figure had been reached in the increment of the "activism", there are 89,169 activists who have been contributing in the fortification of the work in the organisms of base.

Other subjects of analysis were the working methods, function of the organisms at different levels, visits of checking and help, structure of the organization. The line of promotion of cadres, which was kept on by the organization during this period was correct.



It was pointed out as an important acquisition the up - holding, by means of a stable and systematic work, the quotation. There has been reached the number of 1 145,721 quotations up to date, which means that the 92% of the Federation members make quotation. All the provinces have obtained an index superior to 90%. As for the organisms, the 99% of them delivers the liquidation in correct form and time.

Comrade Iraida Rosado, national secretary of Organization and Finances, made the valuation of the work realized by the provinces in this front and said that there had been a considerable advance in all the aspects of this secretariat and greeted the efforts which had been realized.

#### SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

7,104 social workers of the FMC are realizing tasks of prevention which is carried out by the Secretariat of Social Assistance. Many of these comrades assist children who have familiar problems or problems of behavior. 4,724 of them integrate the consulting bodies of primary schools and realize activities of helping in the schools.

It was said that the social workers of the FMC assist the reeducation centers for minors and the organization is present in the Commissions of Social Prevention in the whole country. In the analysis it was said that this was the period in which the social prevention had reached the greatest development in



our organization which are realizing, as it was pointed out by the Commission of Revolutionary Orientation of the Central Committee of the Party, an extensive and systematic work of social prevention.

Reviewing the tasks of health, an analysis was made of the work which is considered to be very well done. 51,287 members joined the 1,937 sanitary brigades of the Red Cross. 5,762 of them have been already trained and 9,374 are actually studying in the courses.

The members of the brigades have been working intensely in this year taking charge of the cane-cutters, their barracks and the villages which belong to the sugar factories as well as in hospitals and different programs of the MINSAP (Ministry of Public Health).

The FMC maintains as a permanent task the completion and training of the sanitary brigades because they have to realize activities in case of natural disaster, have to do the tasks of public health as well as to form the sanitary brigades of Civil Defense in case of war.

It is very important that the Secretariat had organized debates about health; during this period, 127,861 debates had been held with the participation of 1,184,510 Federation members.

As to the vaccination of the housewives against tetanus, 214,188 housewives have been immunized and also 19,948 workers of different sectors who are assisted by the FMC.



An other activity of this Secretariat is that which is carried on by the brigades of hygiene and embellishment, this year the work done in the villages of the sugar factories and in the barracks of cane-cutters was outstanding; 933,593 comrades took part in the mobilization in the whole country.

As to the activities realized in cooperation with the Local Power, it was pointed out that 9,588 members are activists of the Plan of Assistance; the FMC participates in 427 of its commissions, in municipals and sectionals.

In coordination with the Ministry of Public Health, the Secretariat keeps on the assistance to asylums of mothers and circles of primiparae as well as to old people's asylums and infant asylums for recovery.

There were present in this meeting comrade Carmen del Busto, national secretary of Social Assistance and the secretaries of this front from all the provinces. Comrade Secundino Guerra, member of the Central Committee of the Party, was also present.

In the course of the meeting, an analysis was made about the tasks which were carried out by the Secretariat and MININT (Ministry of the Interior) jointly. The head of Social Prevention, lieutenant Raul García, took part in the meeting in which decisions were taken in relation with the social prevention, fundamentally, with respect to the assistance to minors.

An other session was dedicated to the analysis of the tasks of health. Assisted the vice-minister of Hygiene and Epidemiology, doctor Jorge Alderegua, doctor Angel Luis To -



rres, national responsible of the Red Cross and other leaders of this organism. The above mentioned comrades emphasized the great effort that the FMC had made in these tasks and pointed out that it was necessary to tighten the coordination between the two organisms.

Comrade Carmen del Busto concluded the meeting by stating that in this Secretariat a very good work was carried out in every provinces.

### EDUCATION

The incorporation of housewives to the training courses is the most important task of the Secretariat of Education. They have obtained during this semester outstanding results. 83,918 housewives have joined the courses in 3,960 classe-rooms. In this field the goal fixed by the organization was that of 79,000.

As to the residual illiteracy, 3,724 Federation members, working as guides, are giving classes to 12,097 comrades. In these six months, 3,621 have been promoted to the 12th level of adult education.

24,712 comrades are actually studying in courses of improvement which are given in order to ameliorate leaders.

In the provinces of Oriente, Camagüey and Matanzas there are six schools of "study and work" with 381 comrades.

There are technical courses, which are given in coordination with the Local Power, INIT (National Institute of Tourist Industry), Ministry of Sugar Industry and others, with



2,007 women-students who will soon pass to occupy specialized working places in the production. Besides, in the class-rooms for women-workers assisted by the FMC, there are 3,573 women agriculturists learning and 2,450 women-workers studying to select tobacco and house-hold arts, etc.

As to the Academies of Sewin, it was stated that there are 2,903 in function, with 51,420 comrades. The activity of La Habana, Las Villas and Oriente provinces in this field is outstanding. As to the sport activities, a National Triathlon will be celebrated the 8th of August in Oriente. The preliminary events have been already realized in this semester. Also, as a greeting to the 8th of March, "International Day of Woman", competitions of Modern Gymnastics were held in all the provinces. In the semester, 56,162 test of physical efficiency LPV (Ready to Win) have been carried out.

Likewise, the work realized by the FMC in primary schools is outstanding. There are 14,376 members appointed to Councils in urban and rural areas and 133, to secondary schools.

In Matanzas and Camagüey provinces, Mothers' Brigades have been formed which are helping considerably the schools. During the last course, 1,436 mothers' brigades were in function with 12,959 members.

In this semester, the FMC has contributed to primary education with 882 women for the courses of improvement of teachers and with 2,452, for the adult education.



### IDEOLOGICAL WORK

In this semester, political studies among leaders and members have been successfully developed.

In the study circles, the members studied political materials which were orientated by our Party and by the organizations.

In the activities of celebration of the centenary of V.I. Lenin, the organization developed a plan of work which aimed at the deepening of what we know about Lenin's life and thought. About 40,000 study circles have been carried out with the assistance of 447,110 Federation members. In the circles, a special material was used which had been published in the magazines Mujeres and Romances.

Seminaries for leaders have been also realized in the provinces and there have been organized ideological meetings, conferencies, expositiones, film projections, competitions of composition and other activities.

Besides, the booklet "From the Memories about Lenin" of Clara Zetkin and an edition of the syntheses of the biographies of Lenin's comrades of struggle have been published. The book "Emancipation of the woman" by V.I. Lenin has been distributed to be studied.

In January, this Secretariat started a new task, that of the movement of correspondents. 764 members have studied in the courses of the UPEC (Cuban Union of Journalists) and other 471 have been chosen to realize this work.