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Here an analysis of the current situation in Cuba by

SIDNEY LENS

- Discuss proposals for action
- Help formulate policy alternatives

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Ad Hoc Committee on Cuba and Related Matters
607 W. Elm St. - 604 E. Mumford St.
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At a public meeting at the McKinley Foundation, 809 South Fifth Street, Champaign, on Sunday, May 14, 1961, more than 275 persons discussed and approved the following resolutions:

- (1) We resolve that the government of the United States of America should:
 - (a) Seek to reduce Cuba's dependence upon the Soviet Bloc by lifting our trade restrictions now imposed upon Cuba and by inviting Cuba to participate in our Latin American economic assistance program;
 - (b) Seek to restore diplomatic relations with Cuba;
 - (c) Enforce the Neutrality Law against United States persons or organizations or any alien persons or organizations on American soil who prepare or attempt military intervention in Cuba;
 - (d) Renounce any preparation or attempt by United States government agencies to violate the rule of law in international affairs by initiating or assisting in any direct or indirect military intervention in Cuba.
- (2) We resolve that a delegation be selected to present the foregoing resolution to the President and other men in decision-making positions in Washington.
- (3) We resolve that a continuing Committee on Cuba be established, consisting of the Executive Committee of the Ad Hoc Committee on Cuba and Related Matters, to which are added other persons nominated and elected at this meeting.

Martin Cobin
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Co-Chairmen