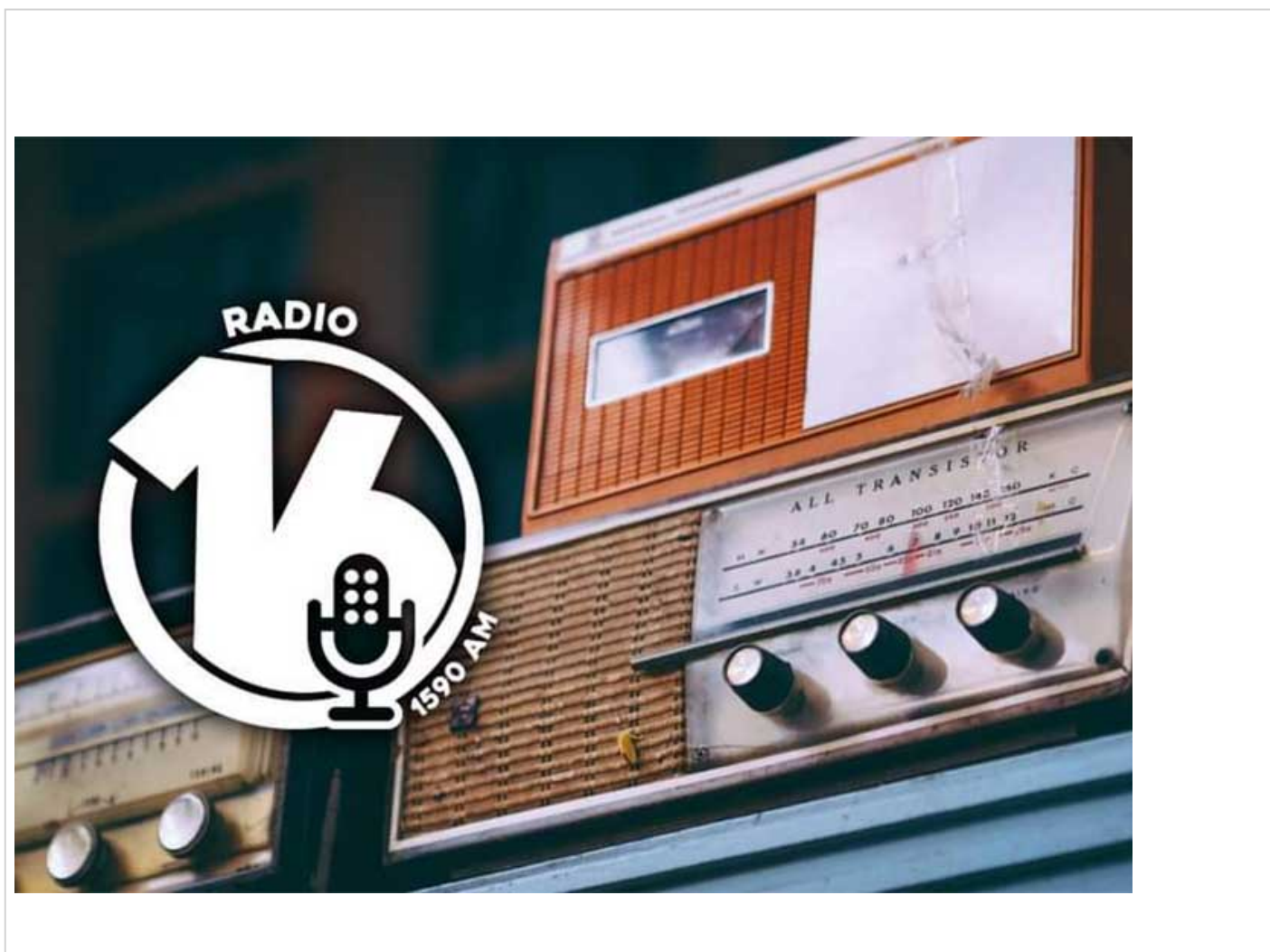


# *Fidel Castro's transcendence highlighted in Costa Rica*

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San José, Nov 27 (RHC) Today, participants of the program Alternativas, of Radio 16 of Costa Rica, highlighted the transcendence of the thought of the historic leader of the Cuban Revolution, on the fifth anniversary of his death.

During about two hours of the program, the speakers talked about the Cuban leader, told anecdotes and insisted on the need to study his thought and work.

University professor Abner Barrera recalled that the ideological escalation unleashed against the triumph of the Cuban Revolution had Fidel Castro among its main targets in order to slander it.

After highlighting Fidel as an outstanding personality in Latin America, Barrera said that no other similar case is known that registers more than 638 conspiracies against his life, coming from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) of the United States and another unique fact that at least two thousand journalists from all over the world asked every year to interview him.

Barrera stressed that "Fidel is not a minor character or just another president of Latin America; he is a central figure in the history of the continent, with great influence in the international politics of the 20th century and part of the 21st century,".

Regarding the myth of the cult of personality, the university professor indicated that faithful to Marti's ethics that 'all the glory of the world fits in a kernel of corn', Fidel Castro rejected any manifestation of this type and was consistent until the last hours of his life.

He said that Fidel Castro insisted that, once he had passed away, his name and figure would never be used to name institutions, squares, parks, avenues, streets or other public places, nor would monuments, busts, statues and other similar forms of tribute be erected in his memory.

Arnoldo Mora, Former Costa Rican Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports said that "Fidel marked a before and after in the history of the peoples of the world. Fidel is the cry for freedom of all peoples. Fidel is a figure that belongs to universal history. He was born in Cuba, he fought in Cuba, he was the leader of Cuba, but he belongs to all of us. Fidel is a legacy to humanity".

That is why," said the philosopher and academic, "we think that studying his life, his works, his thought, his ideas is part of the heritage of all humanity, and he pointed out that by honoring Fidel in these countries and in all the countries of the world, we are doing it as part of our own.

Each of the men who fight for the true independence of their peoples against any form of colonialism or imperialism, against any kind of discrimination, finds a model in Fidel.

Cuba, with that capacity for resistance, with that heroism of its people, and with that will inspired by Fidel's leadership, is an example for the whole world and that example is what most repulses the empire, that hurts them the most.

"To honor Fidel, to be inspired by his example, to meditate and reflect on his ideas, to know his life continues to be a beacon that illuminates the men of the whole world. Fidel is honored today by all the just men of the earth because Fidel is the heritage of humanity," he said.

Maday Traba, the second Secretary of the Cuban embassy in Costa Rica, highlighted Fidel Castro's confidence in the youth and that is why today "the young Cuban revolutionaries are guarantors of his legacy and we say loudly: "I am Fidel". (Source: Prensa Latina).



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