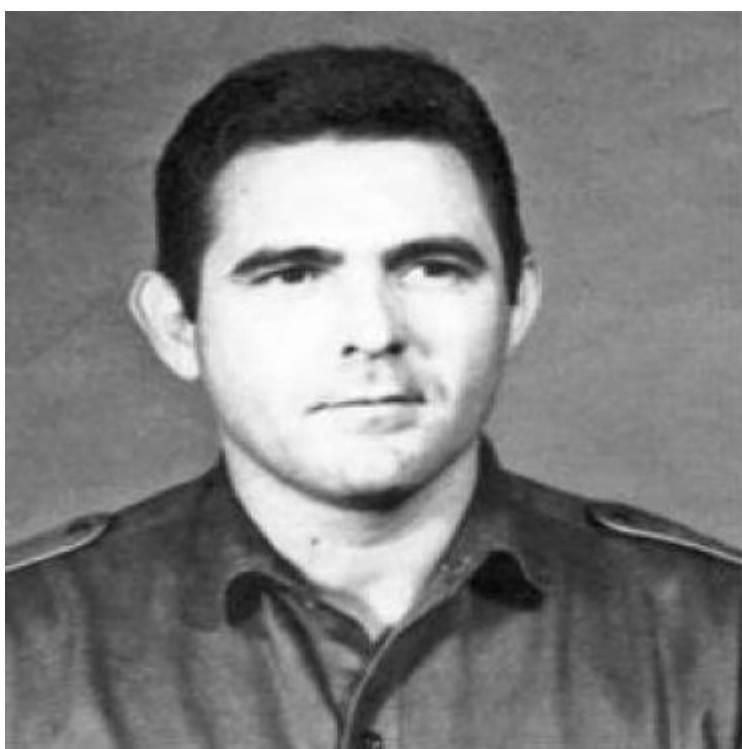


Cuban Council of State Awards Honorary Title of Hero of the Republic of Cuba to Three Cuban Generals



Raúl Díaz-Argüelles García.



Víctor Schueg Colás.

Havana, September 11 (RHC)-- The Cuban Council of State has agreed to decorate Major General Carlos Fernández Gondín with the Honorary Title of Hero of the Republic of Cuba. The honorary title was also awarded posthumously to Brigadier Generals Raúl Díaz-Argüelles García and Víctor Schueg Colás.

The three Cuban generals have also been awarded the "Máximo Gómez" Order. The solemn ceremony to officially award the three generals is set for November 11th on occasion of the 40th anniversary of the independence of Angola.

Major General Carlos Fernández Gondín has devoted most of his life to the Cuban revolutionary movement, ever since he joined the Rebel Army on the Sierra Maestra Mountains. After the triumph of the Revolution in January 1959, he held different posts within the Revolutionary Armed Forces and currently at the Interior Ministry.

Meanwhile, Brigadier General Díaz-Argüelles was an outstanding member of the Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (Student Revolutionary Directorate) -- a Cuban student group, which in the 1950s played a key role in the revolutionary struggle against the dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista. The late brigadier general also brilliantly commanded the Cuban military mission in Angola. He was killed in combat on December 11th, 1975, exactly one month after the proclamation of Angola's independence.

Brigadier General Víctor Schueg Colás was an active member of the July 26th Movement and of the Rebel Army's Second Front "Frank País". He fulfilled several missions as an internationalist combatant in Tanzania and Congo. He also served as Chief of Staff of the Cuban Military Mission in Angola. He died on February 9th, 1998.

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