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1939, October 1: Machado’s government suspends constitutional guarantees.

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1953 - The unsuccessful Bay of Pigs invasion.

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