

Cuba commemorates the birth of student leader Julio Antonio Mella

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Student leader Julio Antonio Mella

Havana, March 25 (RHC) Cuba evokes the legacy of leader Julio Antonio Mella, founder of the Federation of University Students (FEU), on commemorating today the 120th anniversary of his birth.

Mella is considered one of the emblematic figures in the revolutionary process in the Caribbean nation during the 1920s and 1930s.

In his short existence he developed a feverish political and revolutionary activity that made him a leader of the Cuban youth.

In 1924 he joined the Communist Association of Havana and from there he carried out very active work among the students.

Together with other revolutionaries, such as Rubén Martínez Villena, he gave life to the José Martí Popular Front (FEU).

The FEU, created on December 20, 1922, was another of its defense spaces for the country, and from there he continued his political work.

The radicalization of his thought and the identification with communist ideas led him to form part of the group of young revolutionaries.

In 1926 he was expelled from the University for his revolutionary actions and went on a hunger strike, then he was released.

Mella attended the 1927 Congress against Colonial Oppression in Brussels, Belgium and later visited the Soviet Union.

He was two months short of his 26th birthday when, on orders from Machado, his assassins shot him dead in the street.

The historic leader of the Revolution, Fidel Castro, considered him "the Cuban who did the most in less time."

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