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## 1994

### Parábolas de la prensa *Parables of the press*

Censored by: The Ministry of Interior  
Reason: "No" -no reason given.

This artist's book tells the process of converting a man into God. The life of Fidel Castro mirrors that of Christ, to show that recent Cuban history is, in part, a retelling of one of mankind's best-known stories. After two months of analysis, the public presentation of the book was authorized at La Casa del Joven Creador, campus Hermanos Saiz Association. Significantly they returned only half of the 250 copies confiscated by the Ministry of Interior.

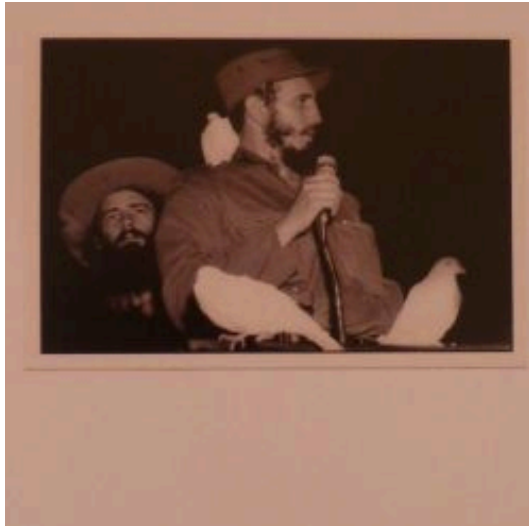
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"Parables" is a book of 33 pictures of Cuban life published in the official Cuban press. Their sources range from magazines, newspapers like Granma, the mouthpiece of the Communist Party, to government periodicals and books on the history of the Revolution. These photographs constitute a chronological narrative that illustrates not only the Cuban Revolution but also the New Testament. In these photographs, the life of Fidel mirrors that of Christ, from his childhood in Nazareth until his ascension into Heaven. Just as Christianity appropriated pagan festivals, the Cuban Revolution built an important part of its history on the religious sensibility of its people. "These are the days to unite" is an official buzzword in Cuba. Three Popes visited Havana and believers can also be members of the Communist Party. Iconic expressions of Christianity have been given a new political meaning. We attempt to reveal this disguised mechanism, to make visible the religious roots of our idolatry, and to show that recent Cuban history is, in part, a retelling of one of mankind's oldest stories.



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1918 - 1919

Es la que fuera Comandancia General del Ejército Rebelde, en La Plata, el Consejo de Ministros suscribe la ley que erradica el latifundio y distribuye la tierra entre los que la trabajan.

In what had been General Headquarters of the Rebel Army in La Plata, the Council of Ministers signs the law which eradicates the latifundium and distributes the land among those who work it.



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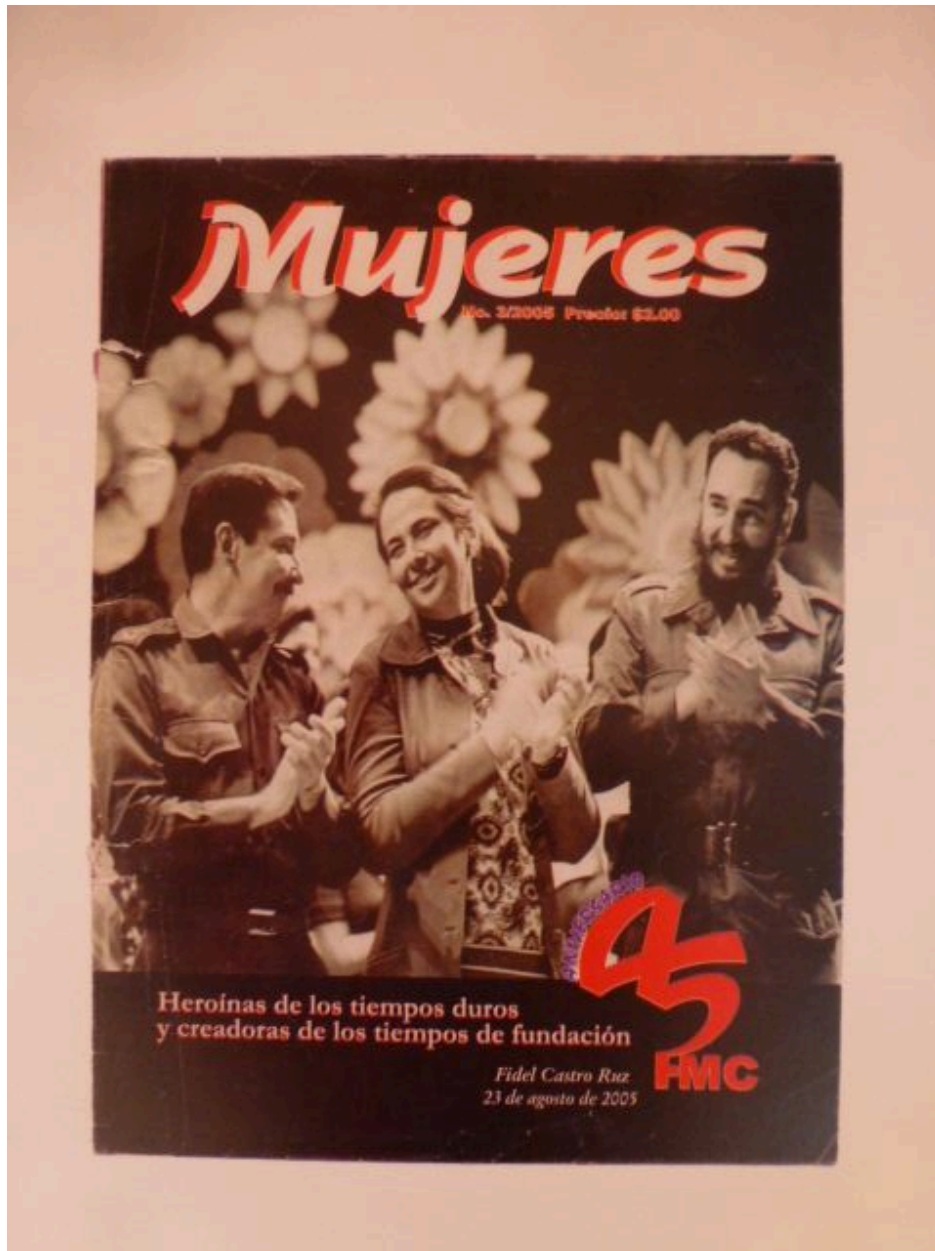
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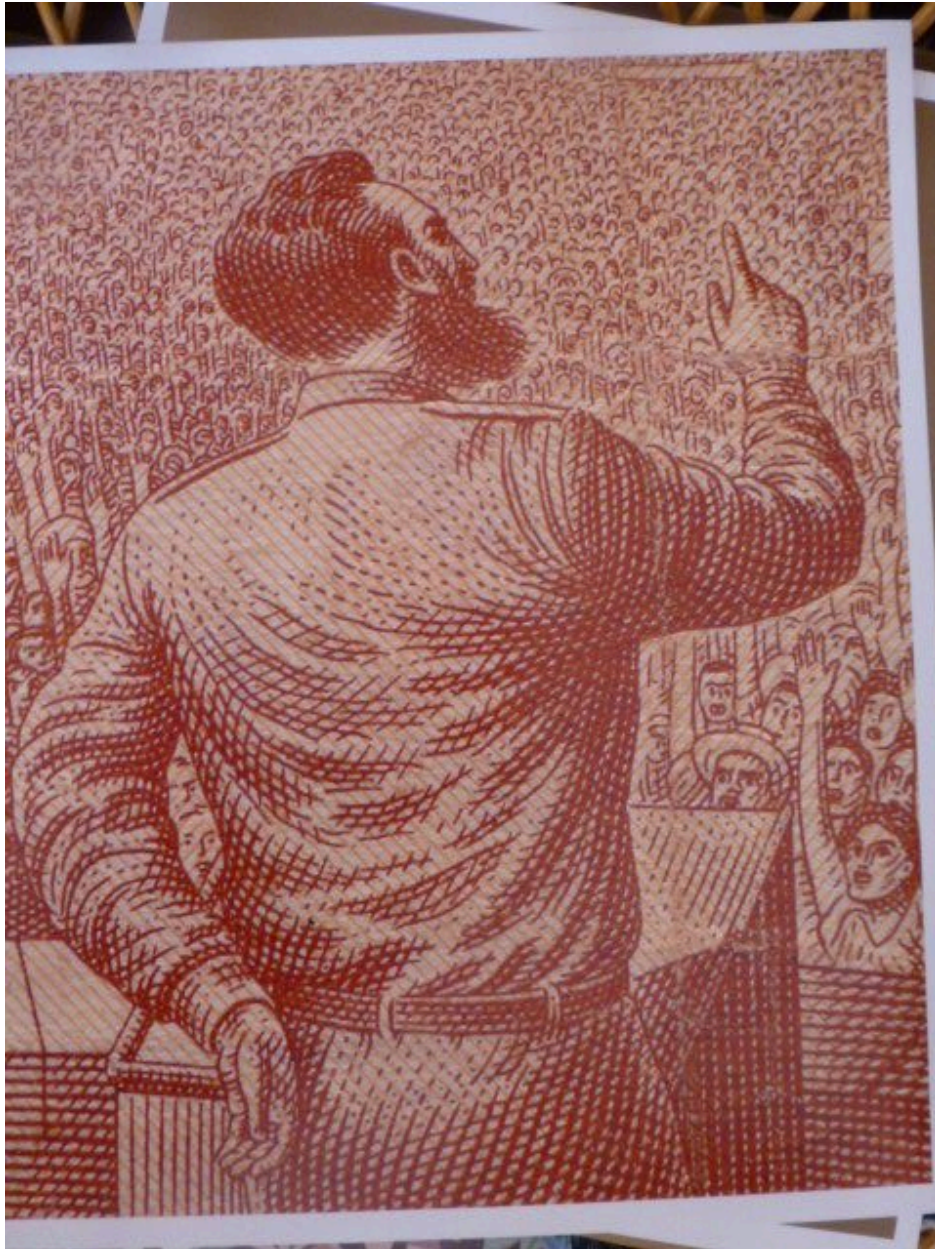


El complejo avícola mecanizado será capaz de producir 120 millones de huevos, aunque su gasto de energía es alto.

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