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“They were born 83 years apart. The first was already a legendary figure when the second entered the world. If one of them proclaimed that whoever tried to take possession of Cuba would have to gather up the dust of its soil soaked in blood, if he did not perish in the struggle, the other soaked Bolivian soil with his blood trying to prevent the empire from taking over America”.

References to the original: [Speech given at the ceremony in homage to the births of Maceo and Che in el Cacahual, Havana, June 15, 2002](#)

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