



WITH PAPA HEMINGWAY AND THE PEOPLE



BARLOVENTO, 1960/SIERRA MAESTRAS, 1959—
The shot to the left is, of course, from the
one time that Fidel and Hemingway officially
met. In 1960, a year before the famous
writer killed himself back in the United
States. It's no secret that Hemingway's
well-known story that Fidel once said he
learned guerrilla warfare from *For Whom
the Bell Tolls*. Hemingway had been living
on the island on and off for twenty years
when this was taken, so it's odd he and Fidel
had never met before that. My father took
this shot on the occasion of the Tenth
Annual Hemingway Fishing Tournament, at
the Barlovento Yacht Club. Originally, Fidel
was only supposed to hand out the winning
trophy. But, sportsman that he is, he entered

the tournament and caught the biggest
marlin of the day, so Hemingway ended up
giving *Jefe* the trophy. I say it's from their
one "official" meeting, because I heard
that Fidel had once said that he'd met
Hemingway a second time. He said that he'd
been invited out to the writer's home, *Finca
Vigia*, and that he accepted and spent hours
out there, late into the night. I wish I could
tell you what they talked about, but now
only Fidel knows. In the picture of Fidel with
the people (above), he's visiting the moun-
tains where he fought in the Revolution.
You'll notice he has two wrist watches on.
That's the way he wore them in the moun-
tains. He's such a precise guy. He wore two
watches so if one stopped he'd still be able
to be synchronized with the other rebels.