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STILLER RENOVATES FIRST OF MAY CELEBRATION.
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CASTRO, MAY 1 (PL) - AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF POPULAR ENTHUSIASM FROM REVOLUTIONARY FIRST CAESTRO RECALLED THE SITUATION IN CUBA EXACTLY TWENTY YEARS AGO AND THE PROCESS THAT LED TO THE REVOLUTIONARY TRIUMPH AND THE PROFOUND SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATIONS THAT FOLLOWED.

CASTRO SPOKE TO A NOCTURNE RALLY IN REVOLUTIONARY SQUARE AND TO MILLIONS THROUGHOUT THE NATION BY RADIO AND TELEVISION.

THE YOUNG REVOLUTIONARIES RECALLED THAT 1960 WAS THE YEAR OF THE BARRICADE, MILITARY CONFRONTATION AND THAT OF THE FIRST PERFORMANCES WERE ALREADY BEING MADE FOR THE ATTACK ON THE MONARCHY PORTFOLIO OF JOSE DE MAESTRO SIMILAR LEE.

THE THREE HOUR FRASEE THAT PRECEDED THE SPEECH, WAS A POWERFUL INDICATOR OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTION AND ITS GRASS ROOTS INSTITUTIONALIZATION. SELECTED CONTINGENTS OF WORKERS FROM ALL SPHERES OF THE ECONOMY, STUDENTS, SMALL FARMERS, REPRESENTATIVES OF MASS ORGANIZATION AND FINALLY THE ARMED MILITIA FORMED PART THE REVISING STAFF AND THE MULTITUDE THAT GROWED INTO THE SQUARE.

OF THE REVISING STAFF WERE REPRESENTATIVES OF LATIN AMERICAN, ASIAN AND AFRICAN MOVEMENTS, AS WELL AS THOSE OF SOCIALIST AND NON SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. (NY) (PL) (C)

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CASTRO EMPHASIZED THAT GOALS HAD BEEN FULFILLED THIS YEAR IN VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE MAIN SECTORS OF THE CUBAN ECONOMY. THESE GAINS WERE MADE THROUGH EXPANSION IN THE INCREASE OF LIGHT INDUSTRIAL CONSUMER PRODUCTS, A PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT IN SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC AND THE GENERAL INCREASE IN THE FOOD SUPPLY.

THE MEANING OF THE PRODUCTION INCREASE WAS CLEAR TO THE CUBAN PEOPLE. JUST THREE YEARS AGO, IN 1965, CUBA CAME OUT OF THE CRISIS EFFORT TO PRODUCE 10 BILLION TONS OF SUGAR WITH ITS GENERAL ECONOMY IN A STATE OF DEBARMENT. PRODUCTION IN ALL FIELDS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SUGAR, NICKEL PRODUCTION AND FISHING HAD DROPPED CONSIDERABLY. DUE TO THE FACTS THAT THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT HAD PUT ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE 10 MILLION TON GOAL, AT THAT TIME THERE WERE CRITICS OF THE CUBAN

REVOLUTION THAT BELIEVED THAT THE FAILURE TO ACHIEVE THE 10 BILLION TON GOAL WOULD HAVE A DEMORALIZING EFFECT ON THE MORALE OF THE CUBAN PEOPLE AND WOULD LEAD TO WIDESPREAD DEFECTIONS FROM THE REVOLUTION. THE SELF-DENIERS OF THE CUBAN LEADERSHIP AT THAT TIME AND THE ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE HAVE SHOWN CONCLUSIVELY THAT THE CUBAN REVOLUTION HAS SUCCESSFULLY MET THE CHALLENGE, ALTHOUGH THERE IS A LONG ROAD AHEAD IN THE STRUGGLE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

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CUBA / OPINIONS, THREE.

CASTRO AGAINST GOES TO THE ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND EDUCATION AND DECLARED THAT THE EXPENDITURE IN THESE SPHERES HAVE INCREASED WITH EACH AND EVERY YEAR OF THE REVOLUTION. HE SAID THAT TODAY 97.3 PERCENT OF THE WORKING IN THE COUNTRY ARE RECEIVING CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL COURSES.

THE CUBAN PRIME MINISTER ALSO SPOKE ABOUT THE GENERAL SITUATION IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CRISIS IN THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES. HE SAID THE QUESTION BEING ASKED TODAY IN THE CONTINENT IS IF THE OAS SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT EXIST.

HE THEN POINTED TO WHAT HE TERMED THE POSSIBLE INITIATIVES OF SOME COUNTRIES FOR THE READMISSION OF CUBA INTO THE OAS. HE THEN ASKED THE ASSEMBLY IF CUBA SHOULD JOIN THE PRESENT OAS OAS AND RECEIVED A RESPONSE: "NO".

CASTRO SAID HOWEVER THAT CUBA WAS NOT AGAINST A REGIONAL ORGANIZATION THAT INCLUDED LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES BUT THAT AT THE SAME TIME EXCLUDED THE UNITED STATES. HE

SAID THAT CUBA WAS THE PATIENCE TO WAIT UNTIL THE MAJORITY OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, "ALTHOUGH THEY NOT BE SOCIALIST", COME TO CONCLUSION THAT THE PRESENT OAS MUST DISAPPEAR AND BE REPLACED BY A REGIONAL ORGANIZATION THAT FIGHTS FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OF LATIN AMERICA.

THE CUBAN PRIME MINISTER SKETCHED A LARGE PORTION OF HIS OPINION TO ANALYZE THE AIRLINE AND NEW-COLONIAL POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES IN LATIN AMERICA DATING BACK TO THE LAST CENTURY. HE SPOKE ABOUT HOW IN IMPERIALISM WAS REVERSED "REVERSED" BY ALL OF LATIN AMERICA AND HOW THE CUBAN REVOLUTION WAS THE FIRST TO FREE ITSELF FROM BE COLONIALIZED

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CUBA / OPINIONS, FOUR.

CASTRO INDICATED THAT ALL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES UNDER THE BECK OF THE OAS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MEXICO, HAD BROKEN RELATIONS WITH CUBA DURING THE SIXTIES. HE SAID THAT AT THE RECENT MEETING OF THE OAS IN WASHINGTON A MAJORITY OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES HAS VIRTUALLY SANCTIONED THE DECISIONS OF THE ~~MEETING~~ LEGAL CUBA AFFIRMING THAT NATIONS WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION.

THE CUBAN LEADER DECLARED THE PROCESS OF AMERICAN EXPANSION AND POWER IN LATIN AMERICA HAD BEEN INTERRUPTED AFTER MORE THAN A CENTURY.

HE POINTED SPECIFICALLY TO THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST PROCESSES THAT ARE NOW TAKING PLACE IN CHILE, PERU AND PARAGUAY TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE TIDE HAD TURNED BY LATIN AMERICA. HE SPOKE ABOUT THE RECENT MEETING OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL IN PARAGUAY AND HOW THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WAS FORCED TO USE THE VETO TO BLOCK A PRO-PARAGUAYAN RESOLUTION SUPPORTED BY THE MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS.

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CUBA/ OPTIMISM... FIVE AND FINAL.

THE CUBAN PRIME MINISTER DECLARED THAT CUBA IS READY TO ORGANIZE "FORMS OF COOPERATION" WITH NATIONS WHICH ARE NOT SOCIALIST BUT WHICH ASSERT THEIR INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND THE DEFENSE OF THEIR INTERESTS VIS A VIS THE UNITED STATES. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT CUBA BELIEVES THAT SOCIALISM IS THE ONLY ROAD IN LATIN AMERICA THAT WILL PRODUCE THE NECESSARY CHANGES AND THE UNITY NECESSARY FOR PROGRESS IN LATIN AMERICA. BUT HE OBSERVED THAT THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT EXPECT THE NATIONS TO TAKE THE SOCIALIST ROAD "FROM ONE DAY TO THE NEXT". HE RECOGNIZED THAT THESE CHANGES WOULD OCCUR AT DIFFERENT RATES IN ~~DIVERSE~~ COUNTRIES. HE SAID HE DOES NOT EXPECT THE ROAD OF STRUGGLE IN LATIN AMERICA TOWARD ITS INDEPENDENCE TO BE SMOOTH.

CASTRO DECLARED THAT CUBA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO LEND AID AND BACKING TO ALL MOVEMENTS THAT FIGHT AGAINST OLIGARCHIC AND ANTI-POPULAR GOVERNMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA.

THE PRIME MINISTERS DECLARED THAT IF A SERIOUS ECONOMIC CONFLICT SURGES BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED STATES ON THE QUESTION OF PETROLEUM AND NATIONAL RESOURCES, CUBA WOULD UNALTERABLY SUPPORT VENEZUELA. AMPLIFYING ON THE SAME THEME HE SAID THAT THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS THE STRUGGLE OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WHO DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST THE "EXPORTATION OF ECONOMIC CRISIS BY THE UNITED STATES" THROUGH MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL CONTROLS.

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