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This L.M. in Havana and here is the SM

\* Twenty one American hemisphere foreign minister will meet in Quito Ecuador beginning tomorrow, twenty from Latin America and ~~the United States~~ one from the United States. The main item on the agenda is the Cuban issue, the question of dropping the embargo clamped down on Cuba by the Organization of American States more than a decade ago....

The stem begins

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~~THE~~ POLITICAL ANALYSTS SAY THAT THE EMBARGO AGAINST CUBA INITIATED MORE THAN A DECADE AGO WILL BE FINALLY DROPPED AT THE QUITO MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS. THE DIEHARD ~~OPPOSEN~~ OPONENTS OF NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH CUBA ARE CHILE, BRAZIL, paraguay, NICARAGUA AND BOLIVIA, ALL GOVERNMENTS WITH MILITARY DICTATORSHIPS.

PRESIDENT FORD SAID SOON AFTER TAKING OFFICE THAT US POLICY TOWARDS CUBA WILL BE GUIDED BY THE ~~GENERAL PRINCIPLES~~ THE POSITION TAKEN BY ~~OTHER~~ <sup>THE</sup> LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS. IT IS SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES ITSELF WILL NOT OPPOSE THE MOVE TO DROP THE EMBARGO IN QUITO. IT COULD MEAN, THUS, THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA IN CUBAN US RELATIONS LEADING TOWARDS EVENTUAL DETENTE.

THE EMBARGO IMPOSED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES HAS BEEN IN CRISIS FOR SOME TIME. CANADA, WHICH IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE OAS AND MEXICO, <sup>HAVE</sup> ~~HAVE~~ NEVER ADHERED TO THE EMBARGO POLICY <sup>AND</sup> HAVE MAINTAINED NORMAL RELATIONS WITH CUBA THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT UNDER PRESIDENT ALLENDE ALSO ESTALBISHED RELATIONS WITH CUBA. PERU, PANAMA, JAMAICA, THE BARBADOS, TRINIDAD TOBAGO and GUYANA HAVE ALSO NORMALIZED THEIR RELATIONS WITH CUBA.

IF, BY SOME CHANCE, THE QUITO MEETING VOTES ~~AGAINST~~ DROPPING THE CUBAN EMBARGO, IT IS ~~THOUGH~~ BELIEVED CERTAIN THAT VENEZUELA, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA AND HONDURAS WOULD UNILATERALLY ESTABLISH ~~REL~~ DIPLOMATIC AND TRADE RELATIONS WITH CUBA IN DEFIANCE OF THE OAS POLICY. WITH SO MANY NATIONS DEFYING ITS POLICY IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, THIS WOULD MEAN A VIRTUAL KISS OF DEATH TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES. ~~RE~~ THAT IS ONE OF THE REASONS IT IS PREDICTED THAT THE CUBAN EMBARGO WILL BE DROPPED AT QUITO.

THIS IS LIONEL MARTIN IN HAVANA FOR CBC RADIO NEWS.

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