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Six thousand Canadian Tourists to Visit Cuba in 1974

in Havana

THIS IS LIONEL MARTIN...I HAVE A VERY RUMMY STORY THAT CAN BE USED ANY TIME THIS WEEKEND ON THE LAST UNITOUR TRIP OF THE SEASON TO CUBA. ~~XXBXHXBXBXBXBXXX XXXXXPERTBWRXBXXX XXXNXGXSXXXBXGXBXXXBXGXBXGXBXBX~~ THE CUBA LIBRE MIXED DRINK MENTIONED IN THE STORY ~~XX~~, AS ERIC MONCUR CAN TELL YOU, IS MADE BY ~~XXXXX~~ MIXING LIME JUICE? ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ COCA COLA, ICE CUBES AND RUM.

THE STORY ~~XXXXXX~~ HIC BEGINS:

NEXT TUESDAY THE LAST UNITOUR GROUP OF TWO HUNDRED CANADIANS ARRIVES IN CUBA, THAT IS, UNTIL THE WINTER SEASON BEGINS. THEY MAKE UP PART OF ~~XXXX~~ THE SIX THOUSAND CANADIAN TOURISTS THAT WILL VISIT CUBA THIS YEAR. THAT PUTS CANADA AT THE TOP OF THE LIST AS FAR AS TOURISM IN CUBA IS CONCERNED AND THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT IT THAT THE ONE WEEK STAY IS A MIGHTY GOOD BARGAIN: THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE ROUND TRIP FLIGHT, THE FOOD AND THE HOTEL. AND NO TIPPING

NOW, MOST OF THE CANADIAN TOURISTS ~~I HAVE MET HERE~~ THAT COME DOWN HERE ARE NOT LUSHES BUT I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT THERE IS A LOT OF ELBOW VENDING AROUND THE BAR AT VARADERO BEACH WHERE THEY SPEND THEIR WEEK. WELL, WHO CAN BLAME EM WHAT WITH ~~XXX~~ CUBA LIBRES, THAT A MIXED RUM DRINK AT TWENTY FIVE CENTS A GLASS AND HAVANA CLUB RUM AT ~~XXX~~ A DOLLAR SIXTY FIVE A BOTTLE. ONE FRIEND OF MINE ~~I~~ TOOK FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE OUTRATE PRICES AND I'M AFRAID HE HAD TO BE HUNG OUT TO DRY LIKE A NOVA SOCTIA CODFISH WHEN HE GOT BACK TO CANADA.

SOME OF THE TOURISTS DO HOWEVER HAVE TIME TO SEE THE SUN AND I SUPPOSE ITS THE HOT SUN AND THE BEAUTIFUL BEACH ~~XXXX~~ AND NOT THE RUM THAT BRINGS MOST OF THEM DOWN TO CUBA.

SO, WHEN NEXT WEEKS UNITOUR GROUP STAGGERS TO THE PLANE AFTER A WEEK IN SUNNY, RUMMY CUBA, IT WILL BE ADIOS UNTIL THE WINTER SEASON.

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