~~THE CUBAN REVOLUTION UNDER FIDEL CASTRO WILL SOON REACH ANOTHER~~

~~MILESTONE~~ FOR FOURTEEN YEARS THE CUBAN ~~GOVERNMENT~~ GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN WITHOUT A WRITTEN CONSTITUTION. NOW, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT A SPECIAL 20 ~~MAN~~ PERSON COMMISSION HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO WRITE A DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR CUBA BY THE END OF FEBRUARY 1975. THE DRAFT WILL THEN BE DISCUSSED IN WORK CENTERS AND NEIGHBORHOODS AND SOME OF THE SUGGESTIONS WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE DRAFT CONSTITITOON. IT WILL THEN BE SUBMITTED TO A GENERAL PLEBISCITE, PROBABLY IN EARLY 1976.

~~WHEN THE CONSTITUTION~~ IS APPROVED, ELECTIONS FOR ~~MUNICIPAL~~ LOCAL, REGION, PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL ~~ASSEMBLIES~~

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SINCE 1959 WHEN DICTATOR FULGENCIA BATISTA FLED AND FIDEL CASTRO'S REBEL ARMY TOOK POWER IN CUBA, ~~THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT~~ THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT HAS ~~WRITTEN WITH ANY CONSTITUTION~~ GOTTEN ALONG WITHOUT A WRITTEN CONSTITUTION OR ELECTED REPRENTATIVE ~~CONGRESS~~ ASSEMBLY OF ANY SORT. NOW IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT A SPECIAL TWENTY-PERSON COMMISSION HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO WRITE A DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR CUBA BY THE END OF FEBRUARY 1975. THE DRAFT WILL ~~THEN~~ THEN BE DISCUSSED IN WORK CENTERS AND NEIGHBORHOOS AND SOME OF THE SUGGESTIONS WILL BE INCLUDED IN IT. IT WILL ~~THEN~~ BE SUBMITTED TO A GENERAL PLEBESCITE; PROBABLY IN EARLY 1976. THE CONSTITUTION WILL DEFINE THE GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE OF CUBA AND WILL ESTABLISH THE PRACTICE OF REGULAR ELECTIONS FOR LOCAL, REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL DELIBERATING ASSEMBLIES.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT CUBA WILL SOON HAVE A WRITTEN CONSTITUTION SIGNALS A MILESTONE IN THE HISTORY OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTION. ~~IT IS~~ ACTUALLY IT IS, HOWEVER, THE FINAL STAGE OF A PROCESS THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR MANY YEARS. FOR INSTANCE PILOT ELECTIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN HELD IN ONE OF CUBA'S SIX PROVINCES. ALSO, THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM HAS BEEN TOTALLY OVERHAULED. AND MANY ~~NEW~~ LEGAL CODES, CONCERNING LABOR, THE FAMILY AND OTHER AREAS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE CUBAN PUBLIC FOR ~~DISCUSSION~~ DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS. THE ~~PROMULGATION~~ PROMULGATION OF A WRITTEN CONSTITION FOR CUBA IS IN EFFECT A CULMINATION OF THIS PROCESS.

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