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1132:symms amendment:

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havana, aug 26, reuter -- a three-column, front-page editorial in the official communist party newspaper, granma, charges today that the symms amendment which was approved by the united states senate recently +dangerously encourages the tendency to use force proposed by the present u.s. administration and leaves the door open for an interventionist adventure in central america and the caribbean.+

the amendment to a budgetary bill, proposed by senator steven symms of idaho, was approved by the u. s. senate by a 69 to 27 vote on august 11. the +symms amendment+ reaffirms the monroe doctrine and calls for preventing cuba +by whatever means may be necessary, including the use of arms+ from extending +its aggressive or subversive activities to any part of the western hemisphere.+

the granma editorial declared that +it is simply outrageous that, in such a shameful way, they 'legitimise' the possibility of an interventionist adventure by the united states on latin american soil and especially in central america and the caribbean, where the reagan administration has indicated it favours armed aggression, in spite of the fact that vast sectors of u.s. public opinion oppose such a decision.+
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+in the united states of america there is much need for a good dose of common sense and realism to confront the stupidity of certain politicians,+ the editorial said.

the editorial charged that the symms amendment +coincides with intense u.s. preparations to transform honduras into a base of operations to launch offensives+ against the sandinista regime in nicaragua. it also accused the united states of supporting +the genocidal regime+ of el salvador and of opposing a peaceful political solution there.

granma declared that the symms amendment has been repudiated by representatives of latin american governments such as mexico, nicaragua and venezuela, and by political figures of the most diverse political tendencies and broad sectors of public opinion in the region.

+only in an atmosphere plagued by the aggressive rhetoric that reigns in the white house would one be able to explain such troglodytic decision, that pretends to impose once more on the people of latin america the policy of the big stick...,+ the editorial declared.

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granma quoted cuban president fidel castro to the effect that
+our attitude is not that of promoting conflicts but we are not
going to retreat even a half inch before the imperialist threats
and aggressions.+

the editorial declared that +those in washington who propose
yankee intervention in central america../.should remember the
lessons received by u.s. troops in vietnam...+ +we should have
confidence that the american people and their most worthy
representatives do not forget so easily the mourning that that
unjust war, that some now want to repeat in central america,
brought to so many american families.+

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1146:correction:

in symms amendment 2 havana, last para, line two, pls add
word a rpt a after such to correct omission.

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