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This is L.M in Havana ..here is the service message  
This item is for the World at Eight

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Yesterday, Fidel Castro ~~delivered his report~~ spoke for eight hours to the First Communist Party Congress in Havana. Here is the item....

Fidel Castro will continue his book length general report this morning ~~which probably~~ Speculation is that today's report will deal with foreign policy matters and that ~~such~~ the Angolan fighting ~~will be~~ and US Cuban relations will be touched on.

Yesterday, Castro praised Canada and Mexico for being the only countries in the ~~Latin~~ Western hemisphere that did not join in the economic embargo clamped down on Cuba since the early sixties. Castro said that Cuba has beaten the embargo ~~that~~ and gave an optimistic picture of Cuba's economic growth.

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The Cuban prime minister revealed that Cuba will build an 880,000 kilowatt atomic power station with soviet aid. He also said that the Cuban armed forces had been reduced from its high of 300,000 in the 1960's to about ~~100,000~~ 150,000

~~Castro~~ Fidel Castro also a sharp self criticism against the Cuban leadership of which he is top man for mistakes which it made in the latter half of the sixties --- to much centralization of power he said and unrealistic economic policies. That has changed now, Castro said. There is much broader participation of the public in policy making and economics has been put on a businesslike ~~fasting~~ basis.

This is Lionel Martin in Havana for CBC Radio News.

Cuban PM Fidel Castro's Report on National and International Issues

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