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With the band playing and the Canadian and Cuban flags to the fore, one hundred and thirty nine Canadian athletes and an equal number of Cuban athletes paraded around the Colosseum here in Havana last night.

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The event was sponsored by the Canadian Embassy in conjunction with the Cuban institute of sports, and was televised nationwide here in Cuba.

Malcolm Bow, the Canadian Ambassador in Cuba made a speech in Spanish in which he said that the visit of part of the Canadian Olympic team for training sessions in Cuba represents a new stage in friendly relations between the two countries.

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The Vice President of the Canadian Olympic Committee, Marcel de la Sabonyeh also spoke as did the president of the Cuban Olympic Committee, Gonzalez Guerra. A set of sterling silver olympic coins were then presented to the head of Cuba's sports ministry.

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The evening was topped off by games between

the Cuban and Canadian men's voleibol teams. To the chagrin of their countrymen in the audience, the Canadian team was by the Cubans: 15-2- 15-4 and 15-10.

It pointed up one of the main reasons Canada had chosen Cuba for a winter training ground -- strong Cuban teams from which the Canadians hope to learn a thing or two.

The Canadian athletes will celebrate New Years here in Cuba and then continue their training sessions for another week before heading back to Canada.

This is Lionel Martin in Havana for ABC Radio News.

130 Canadian Athletes Visit Cuba for Training for The Olympics

been political prisoners spoke. They were highly articulate. A cattle farmer ~~spoke~~. He said that ~~the~~ small farmers in Nicaragua lived a life of starvation; ~~that the small farmers~~ ~~lived a life of starvation~~ Others told of the backwardness of the Nicaraguan countryside, the ~~lack of~~ absence of schools, clinics, running water and electricity. All of them spoke of the repressive regime of the Somoza family who <sup>had</sup> ruled Nicaragua for forty years.

Dr. Arguello Pravia, one of the freed political prisoners told of the infra human condition in the north of Nicaragua and the tyranny of the military officers ~~of~~ who control the region

Still another freed political prisoner told how the Somoza family in conjunction with Howard Hughes, the American multi millionaire, had plans for turning Nicaragua into a huge gambling center. Others told how prostitution is widespread: how teenage girls are forced to become prostitutes. ~~and in order~~ They told sad ~~text~~ ~~The guerrillas told~~ a ~~horrid~~ tale of life in Nicaragua.

Nicaragua, they said, was a private feudal domain of the Somoza family. ~~Marcos called on world public opinion to condemn the situation that now exists in their country. Marcos said that the recent action was the initiation of a war to bring democracy to their country.~~

The name of their guerrilla movement is the Sandino Liberation Front. <sup>HE SAID</sup> Sandino fought against/US <sup>direct</sup> ~~intervention~~ armed intervention between 1927 and 1934. He was assassinated. Somoza then took power. ~~Marcos said that the recent action was the initiation of a~~ <sup>the guerrilla leader said</sup> war to bring democracy to Nicaragua.

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