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For a week, Cubans have been treated to some of the best that Mexican culture can offer. The Mexican Symphony Orchestra, mariachi bands, folkloric dances, exhibitions ~~of famous Mexican~~ of the works ~~of~~ ~~printings~~ renowned Mexican painters and even a display of archeological pieces. More than three ~~hundred~~ <sup>Mexican</sup> artists, dancers and musicians have now left Cuba on two ships: ~~the~~ ~~two~~ ~~ships~~. ~~They~~ ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~sailing~~ ~~to~~ ~~Cuba's~~ ~~Caribbean~~ ~~neighbor~~ ~~Jamaica~~ where the troupe will again set up what is called: Mexico's Caribbean ~~Embassy~~ <sup>Embassy</sup> of Culture; it will then go to Venezuela, then to Costa Rica and possibly to Panama. It is the first time that anything of this sort has occurred in the Caribbean area. ~~and its~~ ~~significance~~ ~~is~~ ~~highlighted~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~report~~ ~~below~~. ~~Here~~ ~~is~~ ~~a~~ ~~report~~ ~~on~~ ~~its~~ ~~significance~~.

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Underlying the cultural aspects of ~~the~~ Mexico's travelling show are ~~political~~ significant political motivations. It represents a ~~new~~ new Mexican policy aimed at bringing the nations of the Caribbean area into closer contact. ~~It~~ It is a prelude to political initiatives by Mexico to establish a new regional organization in which the ~~countries~~ that ~~front~~ ~~the~~ nations in and around the Caribbean sea will play a major role.

It is known that during the first quarter of 1975, Luis Carlos Andres President Echeverria of Mexico and President/Perez of Venezuela will meet to announce the founding of ~~the~~ a ~~Latin American~~ REGIONAL new/Organization ~~called~~ called the Latin American Economic System. The two presidents will send out ~~the~~

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Mexican Culture Ship

to join the organization  
invitations/to a selective list of Latin American  
nations : those that follow a policy, according to  
one source, of economic sovereignty and the defense of  
their natural resources from foreign control. The  
United States will not be ~~not~~ invited to join inasmuch  
as the club will be exclusively Latin American.

Is this new regional organization designed to  
replace the Organization of American States. The  
official word is no: that it is simply a parallel  
organization. ~~But it is~~ But it is  
no secret that <sup>many</sup> ~~the~~ Latin American nations, including  
Mexico, ~~and~~ Venezuela, ~~and~~ Panama, Peru and others have sharp differences with  
the Organization of ~~the~~ American States. ~~consider~~ One of those differences is over ~~the~~  
the OAS's ~~official~~ official policy of economic  
embargo against Cuba. The fact that the Mexican  
Cultural Show ~~headed~~ <sup>MEXICAN</sup> headed by Maria Esther Zuno,  
the wife of <sup>the</sup> president Echeverria, visited Cuba is a  
definite sign that Cuba will be invited to join the  
new Latin American Economic System when it is organized.  
Fidel Castro has already spoken out in favor of just  
such a Latin American entity that bans the United  
States from memberships.

This is Lionel Martin in Havana for CBC Radio news

Headline: Mexico's "Caribbean Embassy of Culture"  
visits Cuba on Caribbean Tour as prelude to organizing  
an exclusively Latin American organization to replace  
the OAS (Organization of American States)