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This is Lionel Martin in Havana...for Sunday morning use.
Here is the service message.

Fidel Castro made a major speech to the closing session of the Congress of the Federation of Cuban women last night. here is the story -

It was a fiery speech. Fiery in its defense of equal rights for women, and fiery in its condemnation of United States international policy.

The Cuban president, who has called the women's movement in Cuba a revolution within the revolution called for more women in high government and party posts. He pointed out the progress towards equality made by Cuban women since the revolution. He told the women that they should not allow any backward steps in regards to women's rights.

Dr. Castro spoke about U.S.-Cuban relations. He accused Presidential Advisor Brzezinski of threatening Cuba with aggression as a response to soviet actions in the middle east.

Castro recalled the October Crisis and said that Cuba would fight against any aggression. To that the women delegates shouted -- Fidel, for sure, hit the yankees hard.

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On Womens rights, ~~xxxx~~ Dr. Castro called for ~~xxx~~ more women in high government and party posts. ~~i~~

On ~~the~~ the question of U.S. Cu an relations, Fidel Castro lashed out ~~xxxxxxx~~ at what he called U.S. interventionists policy in the Caribbean and Central America. He accused Presidentail Advisor Brzhinski of threatening Cuba with aggression as a response to Soviet actions in the middle east. And he defended ~~the~~ ~~Svie~~ Soviet actions in Afganistan and plamed the problems there on ~~xxxxxxx~~ U.S. policy there.

Castro said that Cuba had live in danger from the United States and that it ~~xxxxxxx~~ beef up its military preparedness. ~~xxxxxxx~~ As the Cuban president spoke of ~~the~~ Cubans willingness to defend their revolltion, the women ~~xxxxxxx~~ began shouting, Fidel for sure hit the yankees hard.

~~xxxxxx~~ Fidel Castro said that Cuba would ~~xx~~ strengthen its defense posture. ~~xxxxxxx~~ But, he said, Cuba is against the Cold war, in favor of world peace and does not reject an effort to improve relations with the United Stations.

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