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This is lionel martin in havana.

Saturday in Havana there was a march of one million Cubans ~~incentocortcofthex~~ perhaps the biggest parade in history.

It is now close to midnight here on Havanas fifth avenue. This parade of cubans - old and young, black and white from every walk of life began at 9 this morning...

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The marchers act spontaneously but the parade was well organized ... ~~each neighborhood knew where to meet and when to enter the stream.~~

It is undoubtedly a tremendous show of loyalty to the Cuban revolution. The marchers pass by the Peruvian embassy where on easter weekend about 10,000 cubans, the disaffected ~~xixixixixixix~~ minority who want to leave their homeland, ~~xixixixixixix~~ sought asylum.

And this parade, ~~xixixixixixix~~ is the cuban revolutions answer.

The slogans are ~~original~~ catchy but it would be difficult to catch their rhyme and flavour in english. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~xixixixixixix~~ In essence, they make puns about these who want to leave the country and say Good Riddance to them or they condemn, sometimes in a humorous way, President Carter and U.S. policy. Then there are the more serious signs like ~~xxxx~~ the one i see now -- Cuba for those who work and produce and there another, Viva la revolucion socialist -- long live the socialist revolution.

This is lionel martin on havanas fifth avenue for
cbs radio news.

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