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TWO NEW MEMBERS ELECTED TO CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARIAT:
HAVANA, DEC 24, REUTER -- CARLOS ALDAMA (ADD ESCALANTE IN
SPANISH) AND PEDRO ROSS (ADD LEAL IN SPANISH), BOTH IN THEIR MID FI
FORTIES, WERE ELECTED TO THE CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARIAT
AT THE THIRD PLENARY SESSION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE WHICH MET
YESTERDAY, GRANMA REPORTED TODAY.

BOTH MEN FALL WITHIN THE INTERMEDIATE GROUP OF PARTY CADRES
IN TERMS OF AGE. ALDAMA WAS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND ROSS TWENTY
YEARS OLD WHEN THE REVOLUTION TRIUMPHED IN 1959. IN A SPEECH TO
THE THIRD CONGRESS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY LAST JANUARY, CUBAN
PARTY FIRST SECRETARY, FIDEL CASTRO, CALLED FOR THE PROMOTION OF
MORE YOUNG CADRES, BLACKS AND WOMEN.

UNTIL NOW THE SECRETARIAT HS HAD NINE MEMBERS INCLUDING ITS
PRESIDING OFFICER, FIDEL CASTRO

ALDAMA HAS BEEN HEAD OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S DEPARTMENT OF
REVOLUTIONARY ORIENTATION SINCE EARLY LAST YEAR. THE DEPARTMENT IS
IN CHARGE OF THE IDEOLOGICAL SPHERE OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTION ON A DAY
TO DAY BASIS AND HELPS GUIDE THE WORK OF THE MASS MEDIA.

AS A MEMBER OF THE SECRETARIAT, P A PARTY SOURCE
SAID, ALDAMA WILL REPLACE ANTONIO PEREZ (ADD HERRERO IN SPANISH)
WHO WAS DISMISSED FROM THE SECRETARIAT IN JANUARY 1985 AND IS NOW
CUBA'S AMBASSADOR TO ANGOLA. LIKE PEREZ, ALDAMA WILL WATCH OVER
THE IDEOLOGICAL SPHERE OF THE PARTY ON A MORE AUTHORITATIVE LEVEL
THEN IN IN HIS PREVIOUS RESPONSABILITY.

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ROSS, WHO IS VIRTUALLY UNKNOWN TO THE PUBLIC, HAS BEEN CHIEF OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. IN HIS NEW JOB, THE PARTY SOURCE SAID, HE WILL BE RESPONSABLE FOR THE SAME SPHERE THROUGHOUT THE ISLAND BUT WITH MORE AUTHORITY.

THE SOURCE SAID THAT BOTH MEN COME FROM WORKING CLASS FAMILIES. ALDAMA WAS BORN AND RAISED IN THE SUGAR CANE AND CATTLE PROVINCE OF CAMAGUEY WHILE ROSS WAS RAISED IN SANTIAGO DE CUBA IN EASTERN CUBA, ONE OF THE MOST UNDERDEVELOPED PARTS OF THE ISLAND.

ALDAMA WORKED HIS WAY UP THROUGH THE PARTY RANKS BEGINNING IN IN THE LATE SIXTIES. ROSS BEGAN AS A VOLUNTEER PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER IN THE MOUNTAINOUS REGIONS OF THE ISLAND. SHORTLY AFTER THE TRIUMPH OF THE REVOLUTION BEFORE BECOMING A PARTY CADRE.

ALDAMA WAS ELECTED TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AT ITS SECOND CONGRESS IN 1980 AND REELECTED AT THE THIRD CONGRESS THIS YEAR. ROSS WAS ELECTED AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AT THE SECOND CONGRESS AND AAS A FULL MEMBER AT THE THIRD CONGRESS. BOTH MEN ARE UNIVERSITY GRADUATES.

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