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CUBAN PARTY CONGRESS STRESSES DEEP-SEATED RECTIFICATION

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HAVANA, NOV 30, REUTER -- GENERAL RAUL CASTRO, CUBA'S NUMBER TWO LEADER, TOLD THE OPENING SESSION OF THE SECOND STAGE OF THE THIRD COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS HERE THAT THE DELEGATES WILL ANALYZE THE PROCESS OF RECTIFICATION OF ERRORS AND NEGATIVE TENDENCIES THAT WILL HAVE DEEP REPERCUSSIONS IN THE LIFE OF OUR PEOPLE AND OF THE REVOLUTION ITSELF. (ANALIZAR EL PROCESO DE LA MARCHA DE LA RECTIFICACION DE LOS ERRORES Y TENDENCIAS NEGATIVAS..HONDA REPERCUSION EN LA VIDA DE NUESTRO PUEBLO Y EL DESARROLLO MISMO DE LA REVOLUCION)

THE FIRST STAGE OF THE THIRD PARTY CONGRESS TOOK PLACE LAST FEBRUARY WHEN THE PARTY'S FIRST SECRETARY, FIDEL CASTRO, MADE A SLASHING ATTACK ON THE INROADS OF CAPITALIST THINKING AND PRACTICES AS WELL AS ON INEFFICIENCY, BUREAUCRACY AND CORRUPTION. THE FINAL STAGE OF THE THIRD PARTY CONGRESS WAS POSTPONED UNTIL NOW SO THAT THE DRAFT PROGRAMME COULD BE DISCUSSION BY LOWER LEVEL PARTY ORGANIZATIONS IN VIEW OF THE CHANGE IN DIRECTION INTRODUCED BY THE CUBAN LEADER.

MORE THAN EIGHT THOUSAND PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES IN THE PARTY PROGRAMME WERE MADE THROUGHOUT CUBA BUT MANY WERE REPETITIVE AND HAVE BEEN BOILED DOWN TO SEVERAL HUNDRED. A PARTY OFFICIAL EXPLAINED THE CONGRESS WHICH BEGAN TODAY WILL APPROVE THE PARTY PROGRAM WHICH IS THE FIRST SINCE THE PARTY WAS FOUNDED IN 1975.

FIDEL CASTRO SAT ON THE RAISED STAGE OF THE CONVENTION PALACE AUDITORIUM AS HIS BROTHER RAUL, OPENED THE CONGRESS BEFORE 1723 OF THE 1790 DELEGATES TO THE CONGRESS. HE SAID THAT 300 OF THEM WERE INDUSTRIAL AND FARM WORKERS, 223 CAME FROM THE RANKS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND POLICE AND SECURITY APPARATUS AND 573 OF THEM WERE +INTERNATIONALISTS+. THE CUBAN TERM FOR MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED AS SOLDIERS OR CIVILIANS IN ANGOLA, NICARAGUA, ETHIOPIA OR OTHER NATIONS.

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RAUL CASTRO SAID THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY HAS CONFRONTED THE PROCESS OF RECTIFICATION +WITH A CRITICAL AND SELF-CRITICAL ATTITUDE+ (SENTIDO CRITICO Y AUTOCRITICO) AND SAID THAT THE POLICY IS +TO STUDY THE CAUSE OF THE PROBLEMS AND TRACE THE WAY OF CONFRONTING THEM GRADUALLY, SYSTEMATICALLY AND PROFOUNDLY.+ (APROXIMAR LA CAUSA DE LOS PROBLEMAS Y TRAZAR UNA FAUTO PARA ENFRENTARLOS DE MANERA GRADUAL, SISTEMATICO Y PROFUNDA)

+IT DOES NOT MEAN ADVANCING TOWARD SUPERFICIAL AND SHORT-LIVED CAMPAIGNS OR MOBILIZING THE POPULAR SENTIMENTS TO SIMPLY PUSH TRANSIENT CRUZADES, BUT ON THE CONTRARY, UNDERTAKING PROLONGED AND SYSTEMATIC WORK AIMED AT AFFIRMING WITH COMPLETE SOLIDITY THE POLICY AND STRATEGY OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF SOCIALISM IN CUBA.+ (NO SE TRATABA DE AVANZAR HACIA SUPERFICIALES CAMPANAS PASAJERAS O MOBILIZAR LOS ANIMOS POPULARES PARA IMPULSAR SIMPLES CRUZADAS DE NATURALEZA CONYUNTURAL SINO QUE POR EL CONTRARIO EMPRENDER EUN LARGO Y SISTEMATICO TRABAJO ENCAMINADO A AFIRMAR CON ENTERO SOLIDEZ...LA POLITICA Y ESTRATEGIA DE LA CONSTRUCCION DEL SOCIALISMO EN CUBA)

CUBA'S COMMUNIST PARTY SECOND SECRETARY SAID THAT THE RECTIFICATION PROVESS WAS ONLY THE FIRST STEP AND THAT THE CONGRESS WOULD ANALYZE +HOW MUCH STILL HAS TO BE DONE FOR A RENEWED ADVANCE OF OUR SOCIETY.+

THE CUBAN LEADER SAID THAT FIDEL CASTRO HAS GONE BEFORE THE CUBAN PEOPLE REPEATEDLY SINCE LAST FEBRUARY +59 +3EPEN THE ANALYSIS OF THE ERRORS AND DEVIATINS NOT ONLY IN THE MAAGENENT OF THE ECONOMY BUT ALSO OF A POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL CHARACTER.+ (ANALIZO REITERADAMENTE ANTE EL PUEBLO LOS ERRORES Y DESVIACIONES NO SOLO DE LA DIRECCION DE LA ECONOMIA PERO TAMBIEN DE CARACTER POLITICO E IDEOLOGICO)
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RAUL CASTRO SAID IN HIS SPEECH INAUGURATING THE CONGRESS THAT THE DISCUSSION THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN CLOSED SESSIONS WILL BE A TRUE REFLECTION OF THE VALUABLE FLOW OF EXPERIENCE THAT COMES OUT OF THE DISCUSSIONS AND ANALYSIS THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON SINCE FEBRUARY WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE PARTY ORGANIZATION SINCE LAST FEBRUARY.

ONE OF THE MAIN THRUSTS OF FIDEL CASTRO'S SPEECHES DURING THE YEAR HAS BEEN AINED AT BATTLING AGAINST THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CAPITALIST MENTALITY WITHIN THE REVOLUTION. THE CUBAN LEADER TOLD A DELEGATION FROM THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LAST FRIDAY THAT THE REVOLUTION REJECTS THE BUREAUCRATIC AND TECHNOCRATIC APPROACH TO BUILDING SOCIALISM AND THAT THERE WILL BE INSISTANCE ON IDEOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES AND MORAL RATHER THAN MATERIAL INCENTIVES IN THE ECONOMY. ✓✓✓

THE PROCESS OF RECTIFICATION HAS BEEN ACCOMPANIED SINCE FEBRUARY BY DAILY CRITICISM IN THE NEWS MEDIA OF EXAMPLES OF INEFFICIENCY, CORRUPTION AND BUREAUCRACY.

LAST FEBRUARY THE FIRST STAGE OF THE THIRD PARTY CONGRESS RATIFIED THE LEADERSHIP OF FIDEL CASTRO AND RAUL CASTRO. HOWEVER, FOUR VETERAN LEADERS OF THE PARTY WERE ELIMINATED FROM THE FOURTEEN MEMBER POLITBURO. IN A SPEECH TO THE FEBRUARY CONGRESS, FIDEL CASTRO CALLED FOR MORE YOUTH, WOMEN AND BLACKS IN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, GOVERNMENT AND OTHER SPHERES OF CUBAN LIFE.

CASTRO'S IDEA OF EMPHASIZING IDEOLOGY RATHER THAN MATERIAL INCENTIVES HAS BEEN QUESTIONED BY SOME FOREIGN STUDENTS OF CUBAN AFFAIRS. THEY OBSERVE THAT WHILE CUBA IS RETURNING TO ITS STRESS ON MORAL INCENTIVES WHICH CHARACTERIZED ITS POSITION IN THE NINETEEN SIXTIES, OTHER SOCIALIST NATIONS SUCH AS THE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA HAVE INTRODUCED CERTAIN REFORMS WHICH ALLOW FOR A LIMITED FUNCTIONING OF THE MARKET ECONOMY AND FOR PROFIT TAKING BY INDIVIDUAL ENTREPRENEURS.

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