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CASTRO PROMISES JOURNALISTS MORE ACCESS TO OFFICIAL INFORMATION:
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HAVANA, OCT 27, REUTER - CUBAN PRESIDENT FIDEL CASTRO TOLD DELEGATES TO THE FIFTH CONGRESS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CUBA JOURNALISTS WHICH ENDED HERE LAST NIGHT THAT THE NATION'S NEWS MEDIA WILL BE GIVEN GREATER ACCESS TO INFORMATION FROM OFFICIAL SOURCES.

THE SIXTY YEAR OLD CUBAN LEADER RECEIVED PROLONGED APPLAUSE FROM THE FIVE HUNDRED DELEGATES DURING HIS TWO AND A HALF HOUR SPEECH, WHICH HE GAVE WITHOUT NOTES, WHEN HE SAID: +WE UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF JOURNALISM AND WE OFFER YOU THEREFORE THE MAXIMUM COOPERATION TO DO THE JOB.+

CASTRO, LOOKING RELAXED AS HE SPOKE TO THE DELEGATES AND TO A NATIONWIDE TELEVISION AUDIENCE, DECLARED THAT +BEGINNING WITH THIS CONGRESS WE SHOULD FIGHT FOR A NEW STAGE OF GREATER COMMUNICATION BETWEEN JOURNALISTS AND ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AS WELL AS WITH LEADERS OF THE STATE AND PARTY.+ HE SAID THAT THERE SHOULD BE +DAILY AND SYSTEMATIC CONTACT.+

THE CUBAN LEADER PARTICIPATED FOR MORE THEN TWENTY FOUR HOURS IN THE THREE DAY CONGRESS WHICH WAS CHARACTERIZED BY OPEN DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR AND IN COMMISSIONS.

+WHAT IS NEEDED IS THE COOPERATION OF STATE AND PARTY OFFICIALS,+ CASTRO SAID AND ADDED THAT THIS WOULD REQUIRE +A MENTAL ADAPTATION+.

HE TOLD THE JOURNALISTS THAT THEIR MAIN JOB WAS +TO INFORM, DISEMINATE, ANALYZE, EXPLORE, CRITICZE, ORIENT AND EDUCATE.+ HE SAID EDUCATE MEANS +TO DEVELOP A SOCIALIST CONSCIOUSNESS.+

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