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FOUNDATION LAID FOR STORAGE TANKS AT NEW SUPER-TANKER TERMINAL:
HAVANA, AUG 27, REUTER -- WORKMEN HAVE BEGUN LAYING THE CEMENT FOUNDATION FOR OIL STORAGE TANKS AT THE NEW SUPER-TANKER TERMINAL ON THE BAY OF MATANZAS TO THE EAST OF HAVANA, GRANMA REPORTER TODAY.

THE NEW TERMINAL WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN OPERATIONS IN 1988 WILL ACCOMMODATE TANKERS OF UP TO 150,000 TONNES. AT PRESENT CUBAN PORTS CANNOT ACCOMODATE TANKERS LARGER THAN 45,000 TONNES.

THE 50,000 CUBIC METER STORAGE TANK IS THE FIRST OF FIVE TO BE BUILT AT THE TERMINAL. GRANMA SAID THAT THE PROOJECT WAS THREE YEARS BEHIND SCHEDULE BECAUSE MANPOWER HAD BEEN DIVERTED TO OTHER MAJOR CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE COST OF THE COMPLETED TERMINAL WILL BE 268,000 DOLLARS (200,000 CUBAN PESOS), THE NEWSPAPER SAID.

CUBA RECEIVES VIRTUALLY ALL ITS OIL, SOME 13 MILLION TONNES A YEAR, FROM THE BLACK SEA PORTS OF THE SOVIET UNION.

GRANMA SAID THAT TOWARD THE END OF THE PRESENT DECADE, WORK WILL BEGIN ON PIPELINES WHICH WILL CARRY OIL FROM THE MATANZAS TERMINAL TO REFINERIES ON THE BAY OF CIENFUEGOS 165 MILES TO THE SOUTHEAST AND ON THE BAY OF HAVANA 90 MILES TO THE EAST.

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