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HIS FEA :BC-SEX =2 J HAVANA: (FEATURE)
THE BOOKS HAVE A COMMON THEME: THAT SEXUAL RELATIONS SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN LIGHTLY. +THE GOAL OF LOVE IS MARRIAG+ SAYS THE BOOK FOR ADOLESCENTS. BUT IT ALSO DECLARES THAT +IF A PERSON FEELS SO UNITED TO ANOTHER THAT HE OR SHE WANTS TO SAY ALL AND GIVE ALL. ONE CAN DO SO WITH A PEACEFUL CONSCIENCE AND WITH ALL ONE'S HEART.+
CONTRACEPTIVE DEVICES ARE NOW FREELY AVAILABLE IN CUBA. ANY YOUNG WOMAN CAN HAVE AN INTERUTERINE DEVICE (IUD) PLACED FREE OF CHARGE AT A HOSPITAL OR CLINIC. THE PILL, SEVERAL KINDS, IS BEING PRODUCED IN CUBA AND CONDOMS ARE SOLD AT ALL DRUG STORE. A SIGN IN THE DRUG STORES READS: +HAVE ONLY WANTED CHILDREN.+
THERE IS NO SIGNNIFICANT RELIGIOUS OPPOSITION TO CONTRACEPTION. THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CUBA HAS NEVER MADE IT A POINT OF CONTENTION AND BESIDES, IT HAS NO ACCESS TO THE MEDIA. THE SAME IS TRUE FOR ABORTIONS WHICH ARE PERFORMED UPON THE REQUEST OF THE WOMAN FREE OF CHARGE AT CUBAN HOSPITALS. NO +RIGHT TO LIFE+ MOVEMENT EXISTS IN CUBA.
DESPITE SEXUAL EDUCATIION AND THE AVAILABILITY OF CONBTRACEPTIVE DEVICES, A GROWING NUMBER OF YOUNG ADOLESCENT GIRLS BECOME PREGNANT. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL STATISSTICS, ONE QUARTER OF CUBA'S ESTIMATED 100,000 LEGAL AND FREE ABORTIONS ARE PERFORMED ON GIRLS UNDER 18 AND A SIGNIFFICANT NUMBER OF THESE ARE IN THE 14 TO 17-YEAR-OLD AGE GROUP. THE STATISTICS ALSO SHOW THAT WHILE IN 1973 22 MOTHERS OUT OF A HUNDRED WERE UNDER 20, TODAY THE PERCENTAGE IS CLOSER TO 30 PER CENT.
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AT THE SAME TIME, LAJONCHERE SAYS, CUBA'S NEW GENERATION HAS, AS A WHOLE, MUCH BETTER HEALTH CARE THAN IN THE PAST. EXPECTANT MOTHERS UNDERGO NUMEROUS PRE-NATAL EXAMS AT CUBA'S FREE-OF-CHARGE HOSPITALS AND 98 PER CENT OF THE CILDREN ARE BORN IN HOSPITALS.
WHILE +MASSAGE PARLOURS+ AND PROSTITUTION ARE OUTLAWED AND NO PORNOGRAPHIC BOOKSHOPS OR CABARET SHOWS EXIST, THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT 'S
ATTITUDE TOWARD SEX IS FAR FROM PURITAN. THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF RUNS LARGE NUMBERS OF MOTEL-LIKE ESTABLISHMENTS CALLED +POSADAS+ OR +ALBERGUES+ WHERE COUPLES CAN RENT A ROOM WITH A SHOWER FOR AN HOUR OR MORE WITHOUT ANY QUESTIONS BEING ASKED.
VILMA ESPIN, THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATIONN OF CUBAN WOMEN
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HAS CALLED FOR AN ALL-OUT FIGHT AGAINST MACHISMO, +THE DOUBLE STANDARD S OF MORALITY FOR MEN AND WOMEN AND THE BARRIERS TO COMMUNICATIONN BETWEEN THE TWO SEXES. +THE NEW CONCEPTIONS OF LOVE, SEXUALITY AND FULL EQUALITY FOR WOMEN HAVE TO ADVANCE THROUGH FIELDS SOWN WITH EGOTISM AND AGE-OLD HABITS,+ SHE DECLARED. (LAS NUEVAS CONCEPCIONES ACERCA DEL AMOR, LA IGUALDAD PLENA DE LA MUJER Y LA SEXUALIDAD TIENEN QUE ABRIRSE PASO EN UN CAMPO SEMBRADO DE EGOISMO Y REZAGOS MILENARIONS.)
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