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CUBA-URSS SIGN CONTRACT FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY PLANT
HAVANA, MAY 19, REUTER - CUBA HAS SIGNED AN ACCORD WITH THE SOVIET ENTERPRISE ATOMENERGO-EXPORT FOR THE DELIVERY OF ALL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE FIRST STAGE OF CUBA'S FIRST NUCLEAR PLANT WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO GO INTO OPERATION AROUND 1990, GRANMA REPORTED TODAY
UNTIL NOW YEARLY CONTRACTS FOR MATERIALS HAVE BEEN SIGNED.
+DUE TO THE AMPLITUDE OF THE PROJECT, IT BECAME NECESSARY TO DRAW UP A GENERAL CONTRACT,+ THE ARTICLE SAID.
CUBA'S FIRST NUCLEAR POWER STATION WILL BE LOCATED AT JURAGUA ON THE SOUTHERN COAST OF CENTRAL CUBA, 15 KM FROM THE PORT CITY OF CIENFUEGOS. THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT FOR THE PLANT WAS SIGNEDBY CUBA AND THE SOVIET UNION IN THE LATE SEVENTIES. WHEN COMPLETED THE PLANT WILL HAVE FOUR WATER COOLED VVER TYPE REACTORS WHICH WILL EACH BE USED TO PRODUCED 415 MEGAWATTS OF ELECTRICITY.
GRANMA SAID THAT THE HEAVIEST +TECHNOLOGICAL UNITS+ WILLWEIGH 35 TONNES EACH AND WILL BE UNLOADED ON A DOCK IN CIENFUEGOS BAY BUILT ESPECIALLY FOR THE PURPOSE.
LAZARO HERNANDEZ, DIRECTOR OF THE CUBAN STATE +ENERGO-IMPORT+ CALLED THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT +CUBA'S PROJECT OF THE CENTURY,+ GRANMA SAID.
THE JURAGUA PLANT IS THE FIRST OF THREE THAT CUBA'S PLANS IO BUILD.
HERNANDEZ, GRANMA SAID, ATTACK W+ESTERN PRESS AGENCIES FOR THEIR MANIPULATION OF THE CHERNOBIL ACCIDENT AND RATIFIED CUBA'S CONFIDENCE IN THE SOVIET UNION'S ELECTRO-NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY, THE NEWSPAER SAID.
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WILD LIFE HABITAT AND TIMBER LAND DESTROYED BY FOREST FIRE:
HAVANA, MAY 15, REUTER -- A FOREST FIRE THAT HAS BEEN RAGING OUT OF CONTROL SINCE ARRIL 30 HAS DESTROYED HUNDREDS OF HECTARES OF TIMBER LAND AND BIRD HABITAT ON THE MOUNTAINOUS +LOMA DE CUNAGUA IN CIEGO DE AVILA PROVINCE, 300 MILES TO THE EAST OF HAVANA, GRANMA REPORTED TODAY..

THE LOMA DE CUNAGUA IS AN IMPORTANT HABITAT FOR BIRDS ENDEMIC TO CUBA SUCH AS PARROTS, KINGBIRDS (PETTIRE REAL), WOOD PIGEONS AND SPARROW HAWKS. THE MOUNTAIN, WITH A MAXIUM HEIGHT OF 338 METRES IS ALSO A SOURCE OF VALUBALE TIMBER SUCH AS CEDER AND OTHER CUBAN TREES SUCH AS MASTICS (ALMACIGO), SANTA MARIAS (OCUJE), JIGUA (A CUBAN HARDWOOD TREE) AND SOAPBERRY (JABONCILLO).

THE FIREST WHICH IS STILL OUT OF CONTROL HAS DESTROYED 500 HECTARES OF FOREST SINCE IT BEGAN ON APRIL 30. A PREVIOUS FIRE WHICH BURNED FOR A WEEK IN MID-APRIL DEVASTATED 300 HECTARES. THE TOTAL AREA OF THE LOMA DE CUNAGUA TIMBERLAND IS 1350 HECTARES.
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