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:STUDENT WORK
CUBAN STUDENTS PLAY MAJOR ROLE IN CITRUS AND TOBACCO HARVESTS:
HAVANA, JAN 13, REUTER - SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN BRINGING IN THE WINTERTIME TOBACCO AND CITRUS HARVESTS, ACCORDING TO RECENT REPORTS IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER GRANMA

WEDNESDAY'S GRANMA CARRIED A FRONT PAGE STORY ABOUT +THE LABOR ENTHUSIASM DISPLAYED BY MORE THAN 15,000 STUDENTS FROM TEN HAVANA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS WHO ARE HARVESTING TOBACCO IN THE RENOWNED VUELTA-ABAJO REGION OF WESTERN CUBA WHICH PRODUCES THE FINEST LEAF FOR THE ISLAND'S FAMOUS CIGARS.

ON MONDAY, GRANMA FEATURED A STORY WHICH SAID THAT 31,000 LOCAL SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WERE PICKING ORANGES, GRAPEFRUITS, LEMONS AND TANGERINES IN THE HUGE CITRUS GROWING REGION OF JAGUEY GRANDE IN MATANZAS PROVINCES TO THE EAST OF HAVANA.

THE HAVANA STUDENTS HARVESTING TOBACCO ARE PART OF THE ANNAUL +SCHOOL TO THE COUNTRY+ (ESCUELA AL' CAMPO) PLAN DURING WHICH MOST OF THE COUNTRY'S 475,000 URBAN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SPEND SIX WEEKS WORKING ON LARGE STATE FARMS.

THE STUDENTS WORKING IN THE JAGUEY GRANDE CITRUS GROVES ARE FROM 65 +SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE+ (ESCUELAS EN EL CAMPO) WHICH ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE CITRUS GROWING AREA. STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED AT THE +SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRSIDE+ RECEIVE ROOM AND BOARD, BOOKS, UNIFORMS AND EDUCATION FREE OF CHARGE AND ARE REQUIRED TO WORK AN AVERAGE OF THREE HOURS A DAY ON THE FARMS WHICH SURROUND THEIR SCHOOL.

ACCORDING TO THE CUBAN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION THERE ARE 340 +JUNIOR HIGHSCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE+ (GRADES 7 TO 9) WITH AN ENROLLMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 175.000 STUDENTS AND 260 +SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE+ (GRADES 10-12) WITH AN ENROLLMENT OF OVER 110,000 STUDENTS
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