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SHIP ON COLUMBUS ROUTE WITH 600 STUDENTS ARRIVES IN HAVANA:
HAVANA, OCT 2, REUTER - SIX HUNDRED SPANISH AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDENTS ARRIVED HERE SUNDAY ABOARD THE SPANISH SHIP +GUANAHANI+ WHICH LEFT SPAIN AND FOLLOWED THE ROUTE TAKEN BY CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS.

THE VOAYAGE IS PART OF THE +AVENTURA 92+ PROJECT WHICH IS COMMEMORATING THE FIVE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF COLUMBUS' DISCOVERY OF ANERICA IN 1492.

ORGANIZERS SAID THAT THE SHIP IS FOLLOWING THE ROUTE OF COLUMBUS' SECOND VOYAGE.

THE SHIP WAS MET IN HAVANA BAY BY FLAG DECKED TUGS SOUNDING THEIR HORNS AND WHISTLES.

THE STUDENTS WERE WELCOMED ON THE DOCK BY THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR IN CUBA, ANTONIO SERRANO DEE HARO MEDIALDEA AND BY A HIGH LEVEL CUBAN DELEGATION LED BY OSMANY CIENFUEGOS, A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY POLITBURO.

THE VISITING STUDENTS, IN A FESTIVE MOOD, WALKED TO THE PLAZA DE ARMAS NEAR THE PIER WHERE SPANIARDS FOUNDED THE CITY OF HAVANA IN THE EARLY SIXTEENTH CENTURY.

AT THE FORMER MANSION OF THE SPANISH CAPTAIN-GENERAL OF HAVANA, NOW A MUSEUM, THE VISITORS, MOSTLY SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN YEAR OLDS, WERE GIVEN AN EXHUBERANT WELCOME BY SIX HUNDRED CUBAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VISITORS LAID WREATHS AT THE FOOT OF A STATUE OF COLUMBUS WHICH IS SITUATED PERMANENTLY IN THE COURTYARD OF THE MUSEUM.
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. THE VOYAGE WAS CHARACTERIZED AS A +FLOATING CLASSROOM+ BY ITS ORGANIZERS. WHILE ON BOARD THE STUDENTS WARE GIVEN A COMPULSORY COURSE ON THE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS AND THE CHOICE OF OTHER SUBJECTS.

THE SHIP LEFT HUELVA IN SPAIN ON SEPTEMBER 17, SPENT FOR DAYS IN THE CANARY ISLANDS, TWO DAYS IN PUERTO RICO AND THREE DAYS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC BEFORE SAILING TO CUBA.

THE SHIP WILL END ITS VOYAGE BY SAILING TO THE WATERS OFF EL SALVADOR AND THEN RETURNING ACROSS THE ATLANTIC TO LISBON AND ITS FINAL DESTINATION, CADIZ IN SPAIN. THE SHIP IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN CADIZ ON OCTOBER 14 TO CELEBRATE COLUMBUS DAY.

THE SHIP, WHOSE REGISTERED NAME IS THE S.S SISTER WAS MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE TRIP BY ITS OWSPANISH OWNER, THE +MEDITERANEA+ CORPORATION. THE PRESIDENT OF THE CORPORATION, CARLOS SAN BASILIO MARTINEZ AND HIS WIFE WERE KILLED IN A PLANE CRASH IN EASTERN CUBA LAST FRIDAY WHILE ON HIS WAY TO HAVANA TO GREET THE BOAT.

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