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OFFICIAL CUBAN NOTE CALLS ON LATIN AMERICAN TO CONFRONT U.S THREAT
HAVANA, MARCH 19, REUTER - CUBA, NICARAGUA'S MAIN ALLY IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, CALLED ON LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS SATURDAY +TO ACT RESOLUTELY TO PUT AN END TO THE YANKEE INTERVENTION IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND TO FORCE WASHINGTON TO RESPECT THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF PANAMA, NICARAGUA AND OTHER NATIONS OF THE REGION.+

THE STATEMENT, ISSUED BY THE CUBAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CHARGED THAT BY SENDING TROOPS TO HONDURAS, THE U.S. +HAS TRIED TO DELIVER A SEVERE BLOW TO THE EFFORT, LATIN AMERICA, WITH UNIVERSAL SUPPORT, IS CARRYING FORTH TO FIND A FAIR SOLUTION TO THE CENTRAL AMERICAN CONFLICT.+

U.S. MILITARY FORCES ON HONDURAN TERRITORY HAVE +THE DECLARED AIM OF THREATENING NICARAGUA AND SUPPORTING THE MERCENARIES WHO, DEFEATED AND DEMORALISED, SEEK REFUGE IN CIA CAMPS+ IN HONDURAS, THE NOTE SAID. THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT OFTEN REFERS TO THE NICARAGUAN CONTRAS AS MERCENARIES.

THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT CHARGED THAT THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION +HAS CRUDELY TRAMPLED ON THE SOVEREIGNTY OF HONDURAS AND THE HONOR OF CENTRAL AMERICA AND HAS DEFIED ITS OWN CONGRESS WHICH HAD NOT AUTHORIZED THE SUPPLY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO THE (CONTRAS) WHO ARE NOW ABLE TO RECEIVE THEM DIRECTLY FROM THE YANKEE INVADERS.+

THE NOTE ALSO CALLED U.S. POLICY TOWARD PANAMA +IRRESPONSIBLE+ AND SAID +ITS OBJECTIVE IS TO LIQUIDATE THE PANAMANIAN PATRIOTIC FORCES AND TO INSTALL A DOCILE REGIME THAT WILL PERMIT IT TO ABROGATE THE TORRIJO-CARTER TREATIES AND TO PERPETUATE ITS CONTROL OVER THE PANAMA CANAL...+

IT ALSO SPOKE OF +THE PROVOCATIVE MILITARY MANEUVERS THAT THE BRITISH COLONIALISTS ARE CARRYING OUT IN THE MALVINAS.+

CUBA SAID THAT +LATIN AMERICA TODAY FACES THE UNAVOIDABLE CHALLENGE+ AND DECLARED THAT THE +INDEPENDENCE, NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND LIBERTY OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF OUR NATIONS IS AT STAKE.+

THE NOTE SAID +THE SOLIDARITY OF LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLES SHOULD MANIFEST ITSELF WITH ALL ITS FORCE IN THIS DECISIVE HOUR.+
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