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REPORT ON CASTRO ADDRESS AT MATANZAN RALLY

C262323 (EDITORIAL REPORT) HAVANA INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AT 2334 GMT ON 26 JULY GMT BEGINS A LIVE BROADCAST OF THE 25 JULY CEREMONIES FROM THE GENERAL STAFF HEADQUARTERS OF THE CENTRAL ARMY IN MATANZAS.

NGUYEN THI DINH, HEAD OF A VISITING PROGRESSIVE DELEGATION, MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE OF POPULAR POWER IN MATANZAS ARE FIRST INTRODUCED, AND FIDEL CASTRO IS INTRODUCED AND BEGINS SPEAKING AT 2317 GMT.

FIDEL NOTES THAT ONE REASON MATANZAS WAS CHOSEN AS THE SITE FOR THIS CELEBRATION, WAS THE EMPHASIS THE REVOLUTION WANTED TO GIVE THE VERY IMPORTANT REVOLUTIONARY EXPERIMENT BEING CONDUCTED IN MATANZAS PROVINCE, WHERE THE PEOPLE HAVE CHOSEN AND WARMLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORTED POPULAR POWER.

NOTING THE PRESENCE OF NGUYEN THI DINH, CASTRO SAYS THE CUBAN PEOPLE "APPRECIATE JUST HOW EXTRAORDINARY THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE HAS BEEN--THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST OUR COMMON ENEMY, YANKEE IMPERIALISM. YANKEE IMPERIALISM ATTACKED AND PERSECUTED US DURING ALL THESE YEARS, AND THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, 10,000 KM AWAY, WERE ALSO PERSECUTED AND CRIMINALLY ATTACKED BY THAT SAME IMPERIALISM."

CASTRO GOES ON: "WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THIS CONTINENT, WHAT IS FALLING APART IS NOT THE CUBAN REVOLUTION, BUT THE YANKEE EMPIRE. (APPLAUSE) THE INTERNATIONAL TOOL OF AGGRESSION AGAINST CUBA, THE OAS, IS ALREADY TODAY A ROTTING CADAVER. (APPLAUSE) HE WHO GAVE BIRTH TO THE MERCENARY GIBON INVASION AGAINST OUR FATHERLAND, THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, IS NOT EVEN CERTAIN IF HE WILL BE ABLE TO FINISH HIS CURRENT TERM. MERCENARIES TRAINED BY THE CIA IN ESPIONAGE, SABOTAGE, AND SUBVERSION WERE LATER EMPLOYED TO SPY AND STEAL DOCUMENTS AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE U.S. DEMOCRATIC PARTY. THIS ACTION, THE SCANDAL IT GAVE RISE TO, AND THE COMPLICATIONS ARISING FROM IT SHOW THAT THE CIA AND ITS MERCENARIES WERE MUCH MORE FIT TO RUIN THE U.S. PRESIDENCY THAN TO DEFEAT THE CUBAN REVOLUTION. (SUSTAINED APPLAUSE) THEY RAISED VULTURES AND THE VULTURES ARE DEVOURING THEIR ENTRAILS."

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(EDITORIAL REPORT) FIDEL THEN TURNS TO THE QUESTION OF RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA. HE SAYS, "THE PEOPLES OF LATIN AMERICA ARE DISOBEYING THE EMPIRE TO AN EVER-INCREASING DEGREE. FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE CASES OF PERU, ARGENTINA AND PANAMA. (APPLAUSE) THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO, DURING HIS RECENT TOUR OF THE CONTINENT, DID NOT FAIL AT ANY POINT TO CONDEMN THE CRIMINAL BLOCKADE AGAINST OUR COUNTRY. (APPLAUSE) THE FREE NATIONS OF THE CARIBBEAN HAVE THE MOST FRATERNAL RELATIONS WITH OUR PEOPLE, AND PROOF OF HOW TIMES CHANGE IS THE FACT THAT TODAY THERE IS OPEN TALK IN VENEZUELA ABOUT NATIONALIZING OIL. (APPLAUSE) AND THAT SISTER COUNTRY, WHICH WAS THE CRADLE OF THE LIBERATOR SIMON BOLIVAR, (APPLAUSE) TODAY IS HEADING IN THAT WORTHY AND JUST DIRECTION. IN ADDITION, SOME SPOKESMEN OF THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT HAVE PUBLICLY EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH OUR COUNTRY. (APPLAUSE) THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT, FOR ITS PART, IS ALSO WILLING TO MAKE EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION AND IS SINCERELY HAPPY TO ACCEPT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THIS MAY BE ACHIEVED. (APPLAUSE)

"IT IS TO BE EXPECTED THAT, IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, SEVERAL OTHER LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS WILL REESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH OUR COUNTRY ON A BASIS OF ABSOLUTE RECIPROCAL RESPECT AND FRATERNAL COOPERATION. (APPLAUSE)

"IN ALL FRANKNESS, WE MUST SAY THAT TODAY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THIS HEMISPHERE ARE DIVIDED INTO A MINORITY OF LACKEYS WHO STILL GIVE UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT TO THE DICTATES OF IMPERIALISM, AND A MAJORITY OF GOVERNMENTS WHICH ARE NOT WILLING TO CONTINUE OBEYING THOSE DICTATES. (APPLAUSE)

"OUR COUNTRY IS WILLING TO COOPERATE CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH THIS MAJORITY OF GOVERNMENTS WHICH ARE CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT AN INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY IN ANY EFFORT TOWARD ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND THE DEFENSE OF THE PEOPLES OF LATIN AMERICA, INCLUDING OF COURSE CANADA AND THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING COURTRIES OF THE CARIBBEAN. (APPLAUSE)

"THE ISOLATION OF CUBA IS CRUELING AND THE ECONOMIC BLOCKADE AGAINST OUR COUNTRY CANNOT LAST TOO MUCH LONGER. IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES OF INTERNATIONAL DETENTE, THAT CRIMINAL BLOCKADE APPEARS EVER MORE UNJUST, RIDICULOUS, AND UNSUSTAINABLE IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD."

FIDEL THEN FOCUSES HIS ATTENTION ON THE EXPERIMENT WITH POPULAR POWER IN MATANZAS, SAYING IT WILL SERVE TO PROVE METHODS AND MECHANISMS FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. HE CITES FIGURES RELATED TO THE ELECTIONS AND NOTES THAT ONLY 3 PERCENT OF THOSE ELECTED WERE WOMEN.

FIDEL DECLARES THAT THE ELECTIONS WERE WITHOUT FRAUD, DEMAGOGUERY, OR POLITICKING--WITHOUT BAYONETS AND WITHOUT GUNS. THE HIGH PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN THE ELECTIONS IS ESPECIALLY NOTEWORTHY, SAYS THE CUBAN LEADER. HE STATES THAT THIS PHASE OF THE EXPERIMENT HAS BEEN AN EXTRAORDINARY SUCCESS.

FIDEL ANNOUNCES THAT PRODUCTION AND SERVICE UNITS ARE NOW TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE POPULAR POWERS. HE STATES, "THE ESSENTIAL CRITERION IS THAT ALL THE PRODUCTION UNITS THAT ARE WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY, THAT IS TO SAY, FOR THE LOCALITY, SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO THE LOCALITY. (APPLAUSE) I REPEAT, ALL THE PRODUCTION AND SERVICE UNITS THAT WORK FOR THE MUNICIPALITY PASS TO THE MUNICIPALITY, THOSE THAT WORK FOR THE REGION PASS TO THE REGION, THOSE THAT WORK FOR THE PROVINCE PASS TO THE PROVINCE, AND THOSE THAT WORK FOR THE NATION REMAIN IN THE HANDS OF THE NATION, THAT IS TO SAY, OF THE CENTRAL ORGANIZATIONS." CASTRO CHARACTERIZES THIS MOVE AS A PROFOUND DECENTRALIZATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

THE CUBAN LEADER SAYS A PARTY CONGRESS IS PLANNED FOR THE SECOND HALF OF NEXT YEAR. HE ENDS HIS SPEECH AT 0152 GMT 27 JULY.

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