

As others see us

Havanans give friendly welcome to Trudeau

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's recent Latin American jaunt received front page treatment in Cuba. The following are excerpts of that coverage, gleaned from the February 1 edition of Granma, the official organ of the central committee of the communist party of Cuba. Price: 10 cents.

Flags of Cuba and Canada, and cheers of Friendship between the two peoples of the two countries: this was the scene at José Martí International Airport as Havana residents welcomed Canadian Premier Pierre E. Trudeau, who was welcomed to Cuba by Commander in Chief Fidel Castro, prime minister of the Revolutionary Government, and Dr. Osvaldo Dorticós Torrado, president of the Republic...

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Amidst the cheers of the Cuban people, Trudeau, accompanied by our Prime Minister, walked over to the crowd at the airport to greet them. Prominently displayed at the airport building were a large portrait of the Canadian Prime Minister, flags of Canada and Cuba and banners with words of welcome in Spanish, English and French. The band of the General Staff played the Invasion Hymn as the honor guard paraded in review before Prime Minister Trudeau.

At 5:20 p.m. Trudeau, Fidel and Dorticós boarded an open car for the trip to the residence where the Canadian Prime Minister will reside during his stay in Cuba. All

along the way to the residence, Trudeau, Fidel, Dorticós and the other members of the Canadian delegation were enthusiastically cheered by the crowds that lined both sides of the streets.

Mexico, Canada seek direct trade

MEXICO CITY, January 25 (Granma) - Luis Echeverría, president of Mexico, said here today that Mexico and Canada are interested in establishing direct trade with each other in order to avoid all triangular trade through the United States.

In a press conference given here along with Canadian Premier Pierre Elliot Trudeau, the Mexican Head of State cited the efforts that are being made by Mexico and Canada to train technicians and specialists to contribute to national development. In connection with this, he criticized the universities, which, he said, "train technicians to serve the transnational companies".

Premier Trudeau, who will leave for Cuba tomorrow in response to an invitation of the Revolutionary Government, expressed his thanks for all the attention given him in Mexico and described his talks with President Echeverría as positive.

With respect to his visit to Cuba, Trudeau told newsmen that "Canada, exercising its independent international policy, always maintained and will continue to maintain and further develop its friendly relations with Cuba."

He said that during his visit to Cuba he will meet with Prime Minister Fidel Castro to discuss matters of common interest.

In response to a question on pressure exerted by the United States to make Canada break relations with Cuba and join the OAS, Trudeau said:

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People welcomed

Welcomed by Fidel and Dorticós at José Martí Airport

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The Canadian Air Force plane that brought the distinguished visitor and his delegation from Mexico, the country which Premier Trudeau had been visiting since January 23 and where he had met with President Luis Echeverría and several top officials of the Mexican government, landed at 5:00 p.m. on January 26.

Premier Trudeau was accompanied by his wife, Margaret. The other members of the Canadian governmental delegation are L.S. Marchand, member of Parliament for Kamloops-Cariboo; J.E. Hyndman, Canada's ambassador to Cuba; Ivan Head, special adviser to the Prime Minister; D.I. Forster, assistant undersecretary of state for external affairs; W.H. Hopper, vice-president of PETROCANADA and acting assistant deputy minister of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources; C.T. Chartrand, assistant deputy minister for export development of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce; R.W. Joyce, assistant deputy minister of the Department of Finance; P. Tanquary, director general of the Latin-American Division of the Canadian Agency for International Development; and P. Charpentier, director of the Latin-American Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Premier Trudeau and his wife, Margaret, accompanied by Fidel, Dorticós and Vilma Espín, stand at attention at the foot of the plane's ramp as the national anthems of Cuba and Canada are played, marking the opening of the official welcoming ceremony.



Thousands of workers, students and housewives waved Canadian and Cuban flags and cried "Cuba, Canada, long live friendship!" as they welcomed our visitor on his way to the official residence.

The front page of the February 1 edition of Granma, the official government paper of Cuba.

"Canada's foreign policy is an independent international policy. On the basis of that policy, we favor and will continue to favor our diplomatic relations with the government of Prime Minister Fidel Castro."

He went on to say, "The trend of Canada's international policy is to

strengthen and extend relations with all countries in the world and to broaden the dialogue among countries. We are in favor of Cuba having full participation in this dialogue."

With regard to his visit to Venezuela, following his visit to Cuba, the Canadian Premier said

he will also meet with President Carlos Andrés Pérez and other officials of the Venezuelan government.

The Canadian Premier is accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Trudeau, and a large official retinue which includes special adviser Dr. Ivan Head.

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