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Havanans give friendly welcome to Trudeau

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recent Latin American jaunt received front page treatment in Cuba. The following are exerpts 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 prime Dr. Osvaldo Dorticos Torrado, president of the Republic...

The Canadian Premier, accompanied by his wife, walked down the plane's ramp and, after shaking hands with Fidel, Dorticos and Vilma Spin, stood ready for the beginning of the official reception ceremony. The Canadian Prime Minister and his delegation were saluted with a 21-gun salvo while the national anthems of Cuba and Canada were played by the band of the General Staff ...

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 Dortico's boarded an open car for the trip to the residence where the Canadian Prime Minister will reside during his stay in Cuba. All

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's along the way to the residence, Trudeau, Fidel, Dorticos 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 Echeverria, 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 Echeverria 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:

"Canada's foreign policy is an

independent international policy.

On the basis of that policy, we favor

-strengthen and extend relations with all countries in the world and to broaden the dialogue among countries. We are in favor of Cuba

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

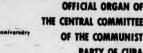
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he will also meet with President Carlos Andrés Pérez and other officials of the Venezuelan government.

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

and will continue to favor our diplomatic relations with the having full participation in this government of Prime Minister dialogue." Fidel Castro." With regard to his visit to He went on to say, "The trend of Venezuela, following his visit to Canada's international policy is to Cuba, the Canadian Premier said

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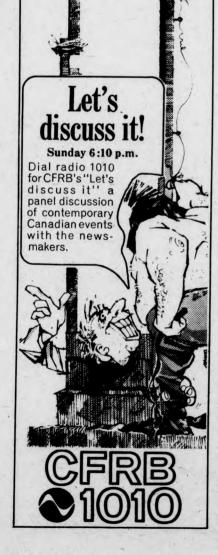


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