

French Press Highlights Normalization of Cuba-US Relations

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Various French media highlighted in their front page today the announcement of normalization of relations between Cuba and United States after have a century of breaking-off. The Daily L'Humanite heads the first page with the word 'historic' and then noted that president Barack Obama recognized the failure of the blockade policy and wants to renew the links with the Caribbean nation.

An extensive article in the newspaper by journalist Kathy Ceibe stresses that both countries face a new era after the attacks of all kinds organized by Washington after the triumph of the Cuban Revolution in January 1, 1959.

The text recalls that the last three Cubans unjustly imprisoned in the United States: Ramón Labañino, Antonio Guerrero and Gerardo Hernandez, were released and returned to their homeland where they were reunited with their families.

While the newspaper Le Figaro titled its cover 'US-Cuba, the end of half a century of Cold War'.

The headline is accompanied with photographs of the leader of the Revolution, Fidel Castro, and the current Cuban President Raul Castro and the American former president, John Kennedy and the current president, Barack Obama.

Le Figaro devotes two full pages to the issue, where looking back to the unilateral implementation of blockade policies against the greater Antilles since 1960, and the failure of

the invasion at the Bay of Pigs (Playa Girón) in 1961.

President Raul Castro announced Monday in Havana the return of three Cuban patriots to their country, as well as the decision to restore diplomatic relations with the northern nation, although he warned that the main thing is not yet resolved.

'The economic, commercial and financial blockade that caused enormous human and economic damage to our country must cease, "said the leader.

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