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"The singing of the anthem on that October 20 came at the same time as the feat of arms with which the Revolution achieved its first and most important victory over Spanish colonial troops. Bayamo's surrender and Céspedes' victorious entry marked the culmination of the act of rebellion begun on October 10 in La Demajagua sugar plantation which marked an turning point in the country's history and gave birth, over the rubble of the first colonial redoubts, to the Cuban nation".

References to the original: [Speech given at the graduation ceremony of the Schools for Art Instructors in "Ernesto Che Guevara" Square, October 20, 2004](#)

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