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Cubans Find U.S. Way of Life Wanting

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, March 31 (UPI)—About a dozen Cubans who found the American way of life wanting will sail for Cuba this week on the freighter Habana to begin life anew on the Communist island.

The homebound Cubans include auto mechanic Armando Pandel, 29, who lived in New York City for 13 years and concedes that living in the United States makes "America a part of you."

But, said Pandel: "I love my country. To me, Castro is a great man."

The returning Cubans will reverse the route of a number of others who either stowed away to reach Canada or jumped ship here after serving as crewmen on ships from Cuba.

Accompanying Pandel will be his mother, his wife Merma, 23, and the couple's two small children.

Pandel will take along his small foreign car and items of value he has gathered in the United States.

Asked if he would ever fight against United States forces in case of invasion, the Cuban said he was undecided.

Pandel said he was a diabetic and was certain medical expenses in Cuba would be considerably less than those in New York.

Asked whether the reports of a controlled life and food shortages under Premier Fidel Castro had reached him, he replied, "I think that's a lot of propaganda."