

80,000 PARADE IN HAVANA

Cuba Marks Fourth as if It Were Her Own Holiday

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HAVANA, July 4—Cuba celebrated the Fourth of July today as if it were her own national holiday. The unprecedented festivities reached a climax with a gigantic parade in honor of the United States, in which 80,000 Cubans of all walks of life and officials and members of industrial, commercial, agricultural, political, civic, cultural and patriotic organizations marched. The parade was organized by the National Council of Veterans of the Cuban War of Independence and was reviewed by President Fulgencio Batista, government officials, the chiefs of the armed forces and members of the diplomatic corps.

The Independence Day celebrations started on Saturday with the annual luncheon of the American Club attended by several hundred Americans, and the formal opening of the new USO Club in Havana for American service men stationed in Cuba.

President Batista also attended the ceremonies held in Maine Memorial Park today for the unveiling of the historic bust of the late Col. Andrew Rowan, the United States Army officer who carried the message to Garcia from President McKinley pledging American support to the Cuban revolutionary army upon the declaration of the Spanish-American War.

Four Havana dailies published special editions in honor of the United States today, while eight radio stations broadcast special programs.