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COLUMBUS DAY - Cities throughout the United States hold Columbus Day celebrations each year on October 12 -- anniversary of Christopher Columbus' venture into the Western Hemisphere in 1492. Traditional celebrations marking the historic event include parades, picnics, speeches, and the laying of wreaths at statues of Columbus.

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Columbus Day ceremonies in Washington, D.C., included the laying of wreaths at the feet of the Columbus statue in front of Union Station, the city's railroad terminal. The statue, shown in the background, occupies the place of honor in the Union Station Plaza and faces the United States Capitol Building, legislative seat of the Nation. The 17th Duke of Veragua (left), a direct descendant of Columbus, and Senor Don Jose Felix de Lequerica y Erquiza, Ambassador from Spain to the United States, are carrying a floral tribute to the feet of the statue.



51-15525 R - Durante las ceremonias celebradas el Día de Colón en Washington, el duque de Veragua (izquierda) y D. José Félix de Lequerica, Embajador de España en los Estados Unidos, colocan una corona al pie de la estatua del descubridor.

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