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Fascist 'Gold Shirts' Thwarted in Revolt, Mexico Reports

Five Leaders, Taken Into Custody and Released, Says Attorney General

By the Associated Press.

MEXICO, CITY, Feb. 19.—Attorney General Genaro Vazquez announced today that a plot, which he said involved a leader of the Fascist "Gold Shirts," to overthrow the Mexican government with an armed rebellion had been thwarted.

Five leaders were taken into custody, the attorney general said, but were released by President Cardenas to signify his "confidence in the support of the Mexican people."

Amaro's Aide Is Named.

Among those named as chief conspirators was Alfonso Garmendia Villafana, described as treasurer of the Gold Shirts, Mexican Fascist group.

Another was Abel R. Perez, secretary general and treasurer of the presidential campaign of Gen. Joaquin Amaro, former war minister in the cabinet of ex-President Plutarco Calles.

More than 50 minor political leaders, public officials and army of-

ficers also were named by the attorney general as being involved in the proposed rebellion.

The conspirators, Vazquez said, had organized an "action group" which was to strike swiftly in an effort to overturn the government in a coup d'etat rather than by a prolonged revolution.

Said to have been prepared by various army leaders, the revolution plan was described as calling for fast encirclement of the capital while small "combat units" fanned throughout the state of Mexico.

With the collapse of the capital and state, the conspirators apparently expected the rest of the republic to fall into line, it was said.

Documents reported found in possession of those charged in the plot asserted there was a need for a rebellion and declared Mexico was under the rule of "clowns."

Various manifestoes attributed to the plotters attacked Cardenas' program of "socialistic education" and described his regime as one of "continuous errors."