

# Mexican Arrests Nip Terrorist Plot Against Cardenas

Attorney General Reveals Seizure of Plans to Seize  
Mexico City and Arouse Outlying Districts  
To Counter-Revolutionary War

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MEXICO CITY, Feb. 19.—A conspiracy to overthrow the progressive regime of President Lazaro Cardenas, involving General Joaquin Amaro, presidential candidate and leader of the fascist "Anti-Communist party," was revealed late yesterday at the Attorney General's office. Amaro was formerly head of the garrison of the Federal District.

Five ringleaders, including the treasurer of the fascist Goldshirts, were arrested, questioned and then released by order of Pres. Cardenas. Evidence uncovered disclosed formation of a fascist army "for the liberation of the Mexican state." A military plan was discovered outlining attacks on garrisons throughout Mexico by this army and the organization of stormtroopers to be known as Grupo del Fuerza.

#### CALL TO REBELLION

Documents found at the home of one of the arrested ringleaders, Ramon Jiminez, included propaganda attacking Cardenas and his Cabinet, and a manifesto by Amaro, in the name of his "party," calling on the inhabitants of Michoacan state to rebel against the Cardenas government.

Jiminez identified himself as a Gold Shirt special inspector and delegate for the Laguna region and a member of the "Democratic-Constitutional," and allied fascist outfit. Other groups involved are the Catholic Youth Association, the Nationalist Youth, and the Amara Campaign headquarters.

Other evidence includes a call of the fascist "army," as yet unformed, to the Regular Army calling on it to support the rebellion. The Attorney General said that the new "army" was an effort to revive the so-called "Constitutional Army," of General Saturnino Cedillo, who was slain during a putsch last year.

The leadership of the planned rebellion was in the hands of the Grupo del Fuerza, whose members

were well disciplined and subject to punishment not even revealed in the organization constitution.

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A long list of "trustworthy people" in various towns and villages in many states was discovered.

A sub-leader's report to Amaro gave details such as "facilitating the movement by disguising our men in San Marcos, including some from the capital who would know the ground and enable us easily to overpower the army detachment."

Linked to the rebellious group are several army officials, including General Garmendia, Gold Shirt chief, General Nicolas Rodriguez, whose ties to the foreign oil companies are notorious, was also deeply involved.

Amaro is working closely with General Juan Andreau Almazan, the main candidate of reaction in the presidential election. Amaro is handling the "dirty work."

Labor organizations, fearing that the rebellion may flare up despite the arrest of some leaders, are demanding the arrest and punishment of all discovered to be involved in the plot.

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