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CUBA FREEDOM PLAN ACTIVATED

Ouster of Castro Goal of
Committee

A plan to unite Cuban exiles in Louisiana in an effort to liberate their homeland was activated in New Orleans Wednesday by a newly organized Central Committee.

The committee is participating in the nationwide movement aimed at overthrowing the Fidel Castro regime, by invasion if necessary, according to Carlos de la Vega, co-leader of the Louisiana delegation.

The movement was begun by Miami businessman Jose de la Torriente, who spoke to a local refugee group here last February.

Unification and military training of the estimated 20,000 Cuban refugees living in Louisiana is the organization's hope.

In the past, de la Vega said, people in support of Cuban liberation have refused to help, using the excuse that the refugees were not united. This is no longer the case, he said.

"We stand united, will be united and will die united," de la Vega said.

This is a "very opportune moment to take the first steps toward liberation and return to Cuba," the co-leader said.

The military commander of the proposed invasion of the island will be in New Orleans in the near future to announce details of the plan, de la Vega said.