

# HAITI EXILE CAMP RAIDED IN FLORIDA

Two Former Green Berets  
and 10 Others Seized

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By The Associated Press

KEY WEST, Fla., March 12 — The police investigating a fatal shooting uncovered a secret military training base for Haitian exiles deep in the Everglades today and arrested two Americans said to be in charge of the camp. Ten Haitians were also arrested.

Unofficial sources said that the Americans were former members of the Green Berets, the Army's Special Forces unit that specializes in guerrilla warfare training.

"They gave up without a fight," Sheriff Robert Brown of Monroe County said.

His men confiscated 16 rifles, 16 pistols and a collection of knives.

Sheriff Brown said that his men had become aware of the camp, 50 miles west of Miami and two miles from the nearest road, when Florida Highway Patrol troopers stopped a car yesterday carrying a man who had been shot in the chest.

The man, identified as Gerald D. Baker, was dead on arrival at a Miami hospital.

"He apparently was shot during a training maneuver in which live ammo was used," Sheriff Brown said.

The sheriff identified the Americans as Ed Koldy, 33 years old, and William J. Dempsey, 26. The men were

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taken to Plantation Key, midway between Miami and Key West, and were held as material witnesses in the shooting.

"We're questioning them and trying to check their identities," the sheriff said.

He refused to release the names of the Haitians.

Sheriff Brown said the Federal Bureau of Investigation had been notified and that the United States Border Patrol was trying to determine whether the Haitians had entered the country illegally.

The Sheriff said he had sent a raiding party of seven deputies and six other officers to the camp shortly after dawn.

"Aside from the weapons we found camping equipment and food," he said, "but I'm not certain whether any permanent shelters had been built."

The site is in northwest



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Monroe County, just north of the Everglades National Park. It covers much of the interior of southern Florida.

Last May, President Francois Duvalier's Government said it had smashed a 35-man force that invaded Haiti.

Government sources in Port

au Prince said that Haitian troops had killed 10 and captured 16 of the rebel invaders and seized two B-25 bombers that landed them near Cape Haitien.

Later, David Knox, Iho had been an information director of the Bahamas Government, was arrested, found guilty of complicity in the invasion and deported.

In 1967, a battle-clad commando force of Haitians, Cubans and Americans was arrested while preparing to set out in a boat from the Florida Keys for Haiti.

The head of the force was Rolando Masferrer, a Cuban exile living in Miami and anti-Castro fighter in Cuba. Also among those arrested was a Haitian priest, the Rev. Jean Baptiste Georges. Those arrested were either given light sentences or paroled.