Commando Strike

# Cubans Here Push Anti-Red Terror

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A shadowy Cuban exile movement militarily organized into five-man commando cells and dedicated to anti-Communist terrorism fans out from Miami on a hemispheric scale.

Terrorist units of the Miami-based Christian Nationalist Movement (MNC) plot and execute "Operation Punishment," directed against communism outside the U.S. from "the Rio Grande to Patagonia."

It envisions an expanding campaign of violence — including bombings and assassinations.

Politically, the MNC borrows much of its doctrine from Jose Antonio Primo de Rivera, founder of the Spanish Falange and also some from Mussolini.

It denies being Fascist.

"We are in a total, permanent and universal war against Marxist communism," declared 28-year-old Aldo Rosado Tuero, chief of the MNC.

It cites these skirmishes already fought:

GRENADE attack July 7 on the leftist newspaper El Dia in Mexico City.

BOMBING May 21 of the Mexican-Russian Cultural Relations Institute in Mexico City.

MACHINE-GUNNING in early May of an apartment belonging to the Mexico City correspondent of a Yugoslav newspaper in what was called an assassination attempt. The correspondent was not home.

BOMBING Jan. 18 of the Communist Party headquarters in Buenos Aires.

MNC vows "an unconventional, revolutionary war" of terrorism. "We do not have the means to fight frontally," Rosado said.

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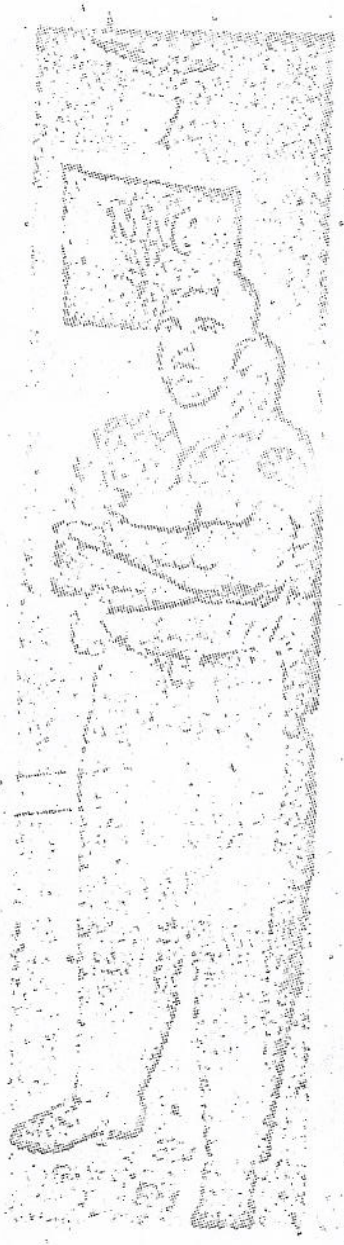
ITS TERRORIST activity is symptomatic of a turn toward a more extreme position by some elements within the exile movement, frustrated in their attempts at direct action against the Castro regime.



Aldo Rosado
*... heads group*

Most of the major exile organizations have collapsed or declined in significance with the failure of their efforts, leaving only the smaller fragmentary groups such as the MNC among the activists.

The turn to extremism is one that U.S. officials became increasingly concerned about following the breakup of commando training camps in Central America and a succession of other exile frustrations.

It already had been evidenced in incidents such as the bazooka firing on the United Nations last December and a bomb planted in a Cuban vessel in Montreal Harbor.

Rosado compares the MNC to three post World War II international terrorist organizations — the Irish Republican Army, the French Secret Army Organization in Algeria and the Jewish Irgun of Palestine.

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"WE ARE not Fascists because we are Cubans, not Italians," says an MNC member.

Rosado admits, however, that there "are some coincidences" in viewpoint with Mussolini's attempt to create a corporative state but "he was too personalistic, too totalitarian."

The MNC's uniform is black pants and gray, open-collared, shirt with a replica of the movement's flag on the arm.

The flag is one of a black background with MNC lettered above a vertical key drawn across three united machetes.

The key represents Cuba as the "Key to the Gulf," situated between Florida and the Yucatan Peninsula.

The three machetes represent the unity of the family, the municipality and the corporative state.

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# Shadowy Cuban Exile Group Spreads Terror Among Reds

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mando members, Henry Agueros Garcia, was arrested earlier this month in Mexico City and charged with the hand grenade attack on El Dia.

Damage to the paper was slight, although one of the grenades rolled under an editor's car and destroyed it.

Three Mexican nationals were also arrested in connection with the grenade incident.

All three were identified as members of Frente Patriota de Mexico, linked to the MNC through a continental organization called Young America or Joven America with headquarters in Buenos Aires.

The MNC readily acknowledges responsibility for the El Dia attack.

It identifies Agueros, a 26-year-old Cuban born American citizen, as the overall chief of its commandos for "Operation Punishment."

Mexican authorities said they also have evidence connecting Agueros with the bombing of the Mexican-Russian Cultural Relations Institute.

The MNC in Miami announced at the time that its "commando" cell in Mexico had carried out the attack as part of "Operation Punishment."

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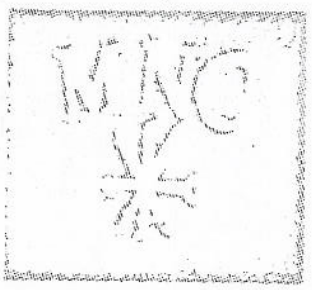
AS CHIEF of the MNC, says Rosado, he assumes full responsibility for its actions.

"We do not conspire in this country, however," Rosado claims. "Only our propaganda emanates from here. All our military units operate outside the U.S."

The commando cells, said Rosado, "do their training in the countries within which they are located," although they may move from country to country to carry out their missions.

They often receive intelligence and other assistance from affiliated organizations

MNC Commando Henry Agueros
*. . . now in jail in Mexico*




MNC Symbol
*. . . key and machetes*

in the hemisphere, according to Rosado, but the terrorism is carried out only by the MNC's Cuban exile members.

There are rumored associations with a host of other extremist organizations both in this hemisphere and in Europe.

The MNC says its only link is with Joven America in Buenos Aires.

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ROSADO describes Joven America as "an apparatus to coordinate" intelligence and other aspects of similar anti-Communist autonomous nationalistic movements operating under a variety of names throughout Latin America.

Rosado, a local supermarket employe, fled Cuba by small boat in July of 1961. He had attended law school at Central University of Las Villas in Santa Clara. He later joined the anti-Castro underground.

Rosado joined with a small group of other exiles in July of 1962 to form the MNC as the Cuban Section of Joven America.

The MNC declines to give its numerical strength, number of its commando cells or where they are located.

Other Cuban sources in Miami estimate its membership at only a handful of activists. There is also a feminine section of the organization which is not involved in the terrorist activities.

It's motto, according to members, is "Against Moscow, Without Washington but for Iberoamerica."

It is phrased in a slightly different fashion in a monthly four-page publication of the organization called "Accion." There it reads "Neither Washington, nor Moscow," etc.

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THE DECISION to resort to the "unconventional" war of terrorism, says the MNC, was made in June, 1964.

They claim U.S. authorities seized weapons and equipment after one of their armed yachts sank a small Castro vessel in an unpublicized incident off the Cuban coast.

"That is when we planned a revolutionary war outside of Cuba," said a spokesman. "It costs less money, is noisier, has a bigger psychological impact, provides better terrain for us and Castro cannot hide it."

Its terrorism, says the MNC, is directed not only "at the Castro apparatus but world Communists. Mexican Communists are as bad as Cuban Communists."

They hope, say MNC members, "to ignite a fuse to show Latin American people the way to fight communism."

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ROSADO recognizes the possibility of killing the innocent but adds that "in all wars, innocents risk being killed. Think of the innocent that are killed trying to escape Cuba and the innocent victims of Communist terror in other wars."

Rosado indicated the successive phases of "Operation Punishment" will include the "execution" of Latin American Communists.

"We intend to let the Communists know that they take the same risks as anti-Communists anywhere in the world. When they know that being a Communist is as dangerous as being an anti-Communist then they will think twice before killing anti-Communists."

Their terrorism, the MNC is convinced, does not defy Christian principles.

"The Crusades were Christian," they claim, and "the fight against Communism is a crusade. We cannot fight with blankets against someone with bullets."

A more materialistic justification is offered in an excerpt from "Accion," which reads:

"Liberal softness opens the road for Communist violence and its evils such as anarchy or terror that leaves no other remedy, humanely speaking, than the nationalist [illegible]

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lt. Havard Bailey
Chief, Criminal Intelligence
City of Miami Police Department
Miami, Florida

SUBJECT : Enrique Aguero Garces (Christian Nationalist Movement - MNC)

1. A reliable source advised that he learned from Jaime CAUSA Gonzaga, who belongs to the MNC, lives at 500 S.W. 10th Street, Apt. #12 and works as a private policeman for the National Patrol, that the following individuals are executive members of the MNC:

Aldo ROSADO Tuero
Orlando LORENZO (mnt. unk.)
Enrique AGUERO Garces
Pablo CASTILLON Hernandez
Jorge DORTICOS (mnt. unk.)
Raul HERNANDEZ (mnt. unk.)

2. The organization called "Fuerzas Tradicionalistas Cubanas" is united with the MNC. The Jesuit priest, Father Jorge DIZ Chabebe, is connected with the MNC but keeps this connection secret.

3. There is a German man named (Inu) RITCHER who lives in Bogota, Colombia, with whom the Miami MNC is in contact; RITCHER belongs to the organization called "Joven America" (Young America) and has contact with Italian extremist elements who have fascist ideas.

4. All the members of the MNC have anti-American ideas and aspire to establish a fascist-type rightist regime in Cuba when Cuba is liberated. All the members of the organization are extremists, and they do not care what means they use to reach their objective. Although source has not been able to confirm it, Aldo ROSADO Tuero has contact with American Nazi elements.