

Havana Braces Amid Rumors of New Raids

Cuba's government yesterday appeared to be bracing itself for days of tension ahead as reports and rumors circulated about new raids by anti-Castro exiles.

A report was published here yesterday that new exile landings had taken place on Cuba's north and south coasts. A Spanish-language broadcaster for a Miami radio station attributed a similar report to exile sources there, but leaders of exile groups in Miami denied any knowledge of new raids.

State Department press officer Robert J. McCloskey said a check of United States agencies produced "no information of any such raids." The day before, McCloskey issued a sweeping denial that the Central Intelligence Agency or any other U.S. agencies were involved in Wednesday's attack on a Cuban sugar mill by Cuban exiles.

The maneuvers involving the regime of Premier Fidel Castro also included the following events:

- The Cuban government's communications network ordered its radio operators to report for duty today "on account of the present crisis." The broadcast order was monitored in Miami. Cuba's short-wave network normally does not operate on Saturdays.

- Manuel Ray, who heads the Cuban Revolutionary Junta, has gone into hiding to prepare to deliver on his promise to land a force on Cuba by May 20, according to exile sources in San Juan, Puerto Rico. A government spokesman said that two days earlier Ray resigned as a con-

sultant to the Puerto Rican Planning Board.

- Cuban Foreign Minister Raul Roa, in a new note to United Nations Secretary General U Thant, repeated Castro's charge that the Central Intelligence Agency was responsible for Wednesday's attack on a Cuban coastal town and sugar mill.

- A Cuban delegate to the U.N. Trade Conference in Geneva, Enrique Camejo Argudin, interrupted a committee meeting to link the United States with the Wednesday raid. The raid was announced by the Revolutionary Recovery Movement, headed by Manuel Artime.

Diplomatic observers noted that the new Cuban protest delivered to Thant did not specifically ask for any U.N. action, but asked Thant to circulate the note to all U.N. delegations.

In so doing, Cuba is building a public record of grievances without committing itself to any single course. Cuba took a similar course in its April 23 request that Thant take steps to halt United States U-2 reconnaissance flights over Cuba.

Roa's protest generally reiterated the language of Castro's public accusation Wednesday.

Roa added the charge that, with "illegal flights of U-2 planes . . . the Central Intelligence Agency obtains information about our military installations for the organization and carrying out of these vandalistic attacks." Roa noted that he had not yet received a formal reply to his earlier protest to Thant over the U-2 flights.