

Kill-Castro Plot Told In N.Y.C.

NEW YORK (AP) — The CIA gave a teen-ager poison capsules and sent her to Havana in 1960 to kill Fidel Castro, according to the New York Daily News.

The attempt failed when the capsules melted in a jar of cold cream where she had hidden them, the newspaper said yesterday.

The News said the poison was supplied by Frank Fiorini, later known as Frank Sturgis, one of the men arrested and convicted in the Watergate burglary. The newspaper said Sturgis confirmed the story told by Marie Lorenz, who now lives in New York.

ACCORDING TO the account, Miss Lorenz met Castro in 1959, soon after he seized power in Cuba, and he persuaded her to move into his suite in the Havana Hilton as his personal interpreter.

After 11 months, she flew to New York for medical treatment and was questioned by the FBI.

According to the News, Fiorini and another CIA agent, Alex Rorke, persuaded Miss Lorenz to take part in several CIA-funded operations and then Rorke took her to the FBI office.

There Rorke told her, "You could knock him off. It would save everybody a lot of trouble." I thought he was joking, but they kept coming back to it and I realized they were serious," she said.

When she finally agreed, Fiorini gave her the capsules of powder and she was told to sprinkle it in Castro's coffee, the News said.

MISS LORENZ flew to Havana. Fearful of a

search at the airport, she hid the capsules in the jar of cold cream, the News said.

Miss Lorenz later tried to get the capsules from the cold cream and found "they had melted. It was like an omen."

Asked by the newspaper if she would otherwise have gone through with it, Miss Lorenz replied, "No, probably not."