

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 Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario threaten to launch a campaign 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 33-year-old Alto Rosado, chief of the MNC.

It cites these skirmishes already fought:

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

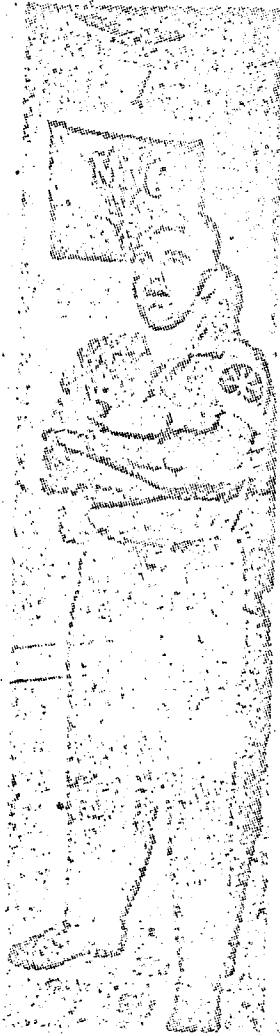
BOMBING May 21 of the Mexican-Russian Cultural Relations Institute in Mexico City.

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 frontal," Rosado said.

Its terrorism activity.



Alto Rosado

... leads group

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

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 activeists.

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

It already had been evidenced in incidents such as the Aszooka 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 Legion 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 "his was too personalistic, too totalitarian."

The MNC's uniform is black pants and coat, 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 rectangles.

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

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

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ONE OF THE MNC's uniforms

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Shedding Cuban Exile Group Spreads Terror Among Reds

founder members Henry Agueres, was arrested earlier this month in Mexico City and charged with the lead 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 the MNC through a confidential organization called Young America or Joven America with headquarters in Buenos Aires.

The MNC readily acknowledges responsibility for the El Dia attack.

It identifies Agueres, 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 Agueres with the bombing of the Mexican-Russian Cultural Relations Institute.

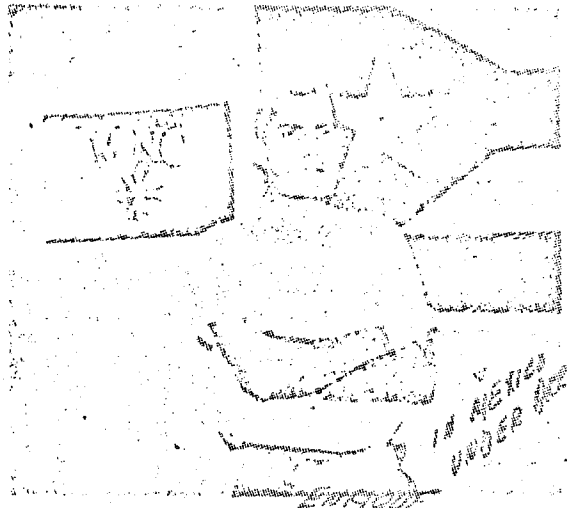
The MNC in Miami announced at the time that its "commando" cell in Mexico had carried out the attack as part of "Operation Punishment."

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

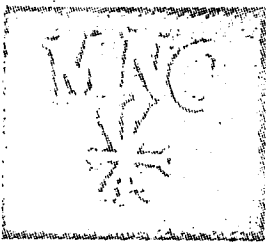
"We do not conspire in this country, however," Rosado claims. "Only our propaganda emanates from here. All our military units operate outside the U.S."

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 also receive intelligence and other assistance from affiliated organizations



MNC Commando Henry Agueres
... 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.

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.

It is a legal organization of students and laborers

small boat in July of 1951. He had graduated from 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 to ally with 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.

Its motto, according to members, is "Against Mexico, 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.

THE DECISION to resort to the "unconventional" war of terrorism, says the MNC, was made in June, 1954.

They claim U.S. authorities seized weapons and equipment after one of their armed parties 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 simpler, has a blaster 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 fire to show Latin American the way to fight communism."

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 Crusade was 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 Communism and its evils such as murder or terror that leaves no other remedy, humanely speaking, than the nationalistic violence."

5 August 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Lt. Harvard Swilley
Chief, Criminal Intelligence
City of Miami Police Department
Miami, Florida

SUBJECT : Enrique Agueros Carcos (Christian
Nationalist Movement - MNC)

1. A reliable source advised that he learned from Jaime CAUSA Goenaga, who belongs to the MNC, lives at 590 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 (mat. unk.)
Enrique AGUEROS Carcos
Pablo CASTELLON Hernandez
Jorge DORTICOS (mat. unk.)
Raul HERNANDEZ (mat. unk.)

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

3. There is a German man named (fnu) 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 had not been able to confirm it, Aldo ROSADO Tuero has contact with American Nazi elements.