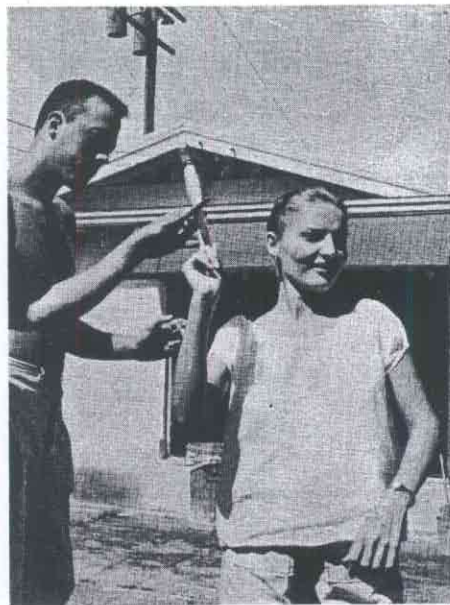


TRAINING FOR COUNTERREVOLT

Most of the Cubans who have fled their country—more than 100,000 in all—have settled in and near Miami, and Florida has become a hotbed of anti-Castro resistance movements. The units try to keep their plans hidden both from the U.S. authorities, who cannot prevent them from organizing in the U.S. but must prevent them from attacking Cuba from the U.S., and from Castro's own intelligence men who swarm through Florida. But the recruits are training hard, and some of them have arms. Last week LIFE photographers made contact with three different resistance units shown here.

The anti-Castro groups are enthusiastic but badly split. One split is deep and probably unhealable. The disappointed followers of Fidel, who fought with him for justice and freedom, will have nothing to do with the onetime followers of Dictator Batista. But even among ex-Fidelistas and other Cubans untainted by Batista associations, there is little unity.

The strongest group training in the U.S. is the Democratic Revolutionary Front (F.R.D.), a loose alliance of five groups which are constantly squabbling with each other over questions of leadership, discipline and policy. But despite their divisions, the groups are beginning to display the same energy and sense of guerrilla tactics which Fidel Castro used to defeat Batista. Castro knows and fears this.



KNIFE-THROWING LESSON is taught to Mirta de la Cruz, whose husband is missing against Castro.

WRESTLING IN WOODS, members of an F.R.D. group prepare for hand-to-hand fighting in Cuba

