

Post 12-17-68

Five Exiles Are Seized by Cubans

HAVANA, Dec. 15 (AP)—The government announced today it has captured five Cuban exiles who landed with arms off Cuba's north coast Dec. 2.

The announcement, published in the Communist Party newspaper Granma, identified all five as from Miami.

It said the five made their landing from a small launch in Pinar del Rio Province, which makes up the western end of

Cuba, and split up into two groups, but were seized two days later by units of the armed forces and the Interior Ministry.

The launch was described as "of a type used by the CIA in its incursions against our country."

The announcement said the men would stand trial.

Granma, which published photographs of the five, identi-

fied them as Ernesto Diaz Rodriguez, 29; Antonio Manuel Rodriguez Lorenzo, 46; said to be the group's leader; Emilio Nazario Perez Sargent, 19; Felipe Sanchez Olivera, 24, and Hemenegildo Rodriguez Perez, 42.

The newspaper said that Diaz Rodriguez and Perez Sargent belong to the anti-Castro exile organizations, Alpha 66 and the Second Front of Escambray.