

HEADED TERRORIST GROUP

Order Anti-Castro Refugee Leader Banished from U.S.

MIAMI (AP)—Cuban exile leader Felipe Rivero was ordered banished from the United States today on grounds he headed a terrorist organization dedicated to violence against Fidel Castro's Communist government.

Rivero, 43, was held in a Special Inquiry Office, Daniel Schull, Miami attorney, immediately requested his release on bond pending the appeal.

If his appeal could go all the way to U.S. Supreme Court, it is unsuccessful, Rivero could be sent to a country of his choice, possibly Spain.

SCHULL GAVE his ruling after an Immigration Service hearing that lasted for almost a week.

"The applicant has not established admissibility to the country," Schull said.

Rivero, male, two months in jail showed no emotion. He has lived in the U.S. since 1967 as a refugee under parole, except for time he spent in Cuban prisons following the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion.

SCHULL SAID parolees "although physically present in the United States" are officially still applicants for admission.

Rivero has been in jail since May 12, when the Immigration Service arrested him for belonging to an organization advocating violence.

Americans ransomed Rivero from Cuba for \$100,000 after he was captured in the unsuccessful 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion.

Rivero's Cuban Nationalist Association has been linked with anti-Communist sabotage, including firing a bazooka at the U.N. building in New York while Fidel Castro's now missing aide, Che Guevara, spoke there.

Immigration authorities said Rivero would not be sent to



—AP WIREPHOTO.
CUBAN EXILE LEADER FELIPE RIVERO, left, is accompanied by a U.S. Detention Officer in Miami, Fla., today after he was ordered excluded from the United States.

Cuba in any case. The 43-year-old former Communist mine owner has indicated he would not mind going to Spain. He is of Spanish and Canadian descent.

Rivero Testifies

MIAMI — Cuban exile leader Felipe Rivero told a Federal Court hearing that he had made a gun-running trip to Cuba on Oct. 10. The testimony was aimed at proving Rivero was an illegal entrant to this country, since he had left and re-entered without permission, and hence eligible for bond.

Judge William O. Mehrrens ruled however, that Rivero had not exhausted his remedies before the U.S. Immigration Service. Rivero has been in jail since May 2 as a suspect in an alleged bomb plot against the Cuban exhibition at Montreal's Expo 67 fair. A bomb went off near the Cuban exhibit Tuesday.

Rally Called Tonight Miami Cubans Protest Leader's Pending Ouster

MIAMI, May 20 (AP)—Cuban exiles marked the 65th anniversary of Cuban independence today with growing protests against the threatened deportation of exile leader Felipe Rivero.

A scheduled independence commemoration at Miami's bayfront park tonight was expected to feature new demands for the release of the 43-year-old Bay of Pigs veteran.

Rivero, who was arrested by immigration authorities May 12, successfully avoided deportation this week by winning the right to a formal trial May 23.

His attorney, Gino Negretti, said the slender Cuban Nationalist Association leader is still on a hunger strike, which he began last Tuesday afternoon.

NO WATER
"He isn't even drinking any water," Mr. Negretti said, following Friday's hearing before immigration officials at which the trial date was set. "He's on a total fast."

But jail officials said yesterday his food trays were being returned empty and he appears in robust health.

Nineteen other Bay of Pigs veterans and a refugee woman sympathizer are also reported on a fast in support of Rivero,

according to the Bay of Pigs Veterans Association.

Other sympathizers have put up posters around the "Little Havana" section of Miami voicing the demands for Rivero's immediate release.

Handbills distributed by members of the veterans association warned exiles that "today it is Rivero who has been jailed and who may be deported from this country."

WOULD BE FIRST
If Rivero is ousted from the United States, he would be the first exile leader to suffer that fate. Presumably he would be allowed to go to an anti-Communist country of his choice, if that country would accept him.

"Everybody to the giant rally at Bayfront park," the handbill added. "But let us demonstrate that we are united and ready for war (against Fidel Castro)."

The charges against Rivero were made public yesterday. They comprised three counts pivoting around the assertion that Rivero's objective for returning to this country is to "engage in activities which would be prejudicial to the public interest or endanger the welfare, safety or security of the United States."

Exile Pledges More Terrorism

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—A militant Cuban exile organization served notice that it will continue anti-Castro terrorist activities despite restrictions imposed by U.S. authorities.

Felipe Rivero, head of the Cuban Nationalist Association, told a news conference he and 12 associates were ordered by U.S. immigration officials not to leave their home metropolitan areas.

"We are reorganizing the association, and we'll continue the fight," Rivero, a Bay of Pigs invasion veteran, declared.

Rivero said, "Terrorism, there is no other road left for us than that. Moscow will feel it. Our only objective is liberation of Cuba."

Rivero said he was not told the reason for travel restrictions but added, "Probably that firecracker we placed at the auction house in Montreal scared them."

New Exile Group Forms in Miami

MIAMI, Aug 13 (AP)—The commander of the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba, Jose Perez San Roman, has been named military leader of a new Cuban exile organization.

The body, called Civic Group, completed organization at a meeting last night. Speakers called for unity among exiles.

Named to the executive committee were Carlos Marquez Sterling of New York, a former Cuban presidential candidate; Jose Ignacio Rivero, who published Havana's oldest newspaper; Ernesto Freyre, an exile unity leader, and others.

Bay of Pigs Vets Plan War Junta

MIAMI, FLA. (AP)—Veterans of the Bay of Pigs Cuban invasion brigade that set out seven years ago on their disastrous expedition announced plans Wednesday for creation of a war junta and another try at toppling Fidel Castro.

"We have set into motion a project to form a Cuban liberation army," said Salvador Madrugá, newly elected president of the Bay of Pigs Veterans Association. "We are contacting exile organizations and asking them to help," he said. "With their help, the junta will be formed."

The Bay of Pigs invasion, mounted with U.S. help, cost 81 lives and reportedly \$45 million. It took an additional \$53 million to ransom the prisoners.

Cuban Exiles Say Castro Terrorists Bombed Office

By THEODORE A. EDIGER
MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—A Castro bomb squad blew up an office in "Little Havana" Tuesday, exiles charged, as thousands of Cuban refugees walked off their

jobs to protest the jailing of militant anti-Castro leader Felipe Rivero.

In addition, several hundred Cubans, mostly women dressed in black and carrying "Free Rivero" signs, staged a peaceful march in downtown Miami.

The "terrorist" blast at the headquarters of a Cuban unit group didn't hurt anyone—it went off before daylight—but the one-day strike affected a reported 1,000 businesses. It also cut into school attendance.

Strike leaders claimed 40,000 of the city's 100,000 exiles took part in the sympathy movement. Idle Cubans—in a holiday spirit—jammed the exile colony in the heart of Miami during the hot day.

In the afternoon, the marchers strolled quietly to the John F. Kennedy Memorial Torch of Friendship.

Hundreds of others, preferring not to walk the three miles under the hot sun, rode along side the marchers in cars adorned with Cuban flags.

A woman carrying a cross led the parade. Among placards carried by marchers was: "White Americans Die in Vietnam, America Protects Fidel." Another sign said, "Cubans Have a Right to Fight."

The parade, at the start of Miami's rush hour, tied up traffic for blocks. At one point, 12 buses were lined up waiting for clearance.

The dashing Rivero, 43, was arrested May 12 after he threatened to blow up the Cuban pavilion at Canada's Expo 67. He has claimed to have had a hand in several anti-Castro expeditions and faces a deportation hearing next Monday.

A State Department spokesman said the strike would have no effect on the U.S. case against Rivero, now hospitalized on the eighth day of a hunger strike.

"The situation will follow due process of law and today's events will not affect anything," the spokesman said. "His case will come up as scheduled."

Police said FBI agents searched the bombed out office of the Cuban Exile Representative—RECE—and studied the explosive, six sticks of dynamite and a timing device. Witnesses told of seeing four men, believed Cuban, fleeing the building shortly before the blast.

RECE leaders claimed the bombing was the work of "Castroist terrorism" in an effort to split anti-Castro elements in the exile colony.

Jailed Cuban Exile Leader Called Boaster of Expo Plot

By JEREMIAH O'LEARY

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Persistent reports that Fidel Castro intends to visit the Cuban exhibit at Canada's Expo 67 on July 26 may have been one of the factors that impelled the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service to put anti-Castro exile activist Felipe Rivero Diaz behind bars.

Informed sources here said the 42-year-old head of the Asociacion Nacionalista Cubana, a small but violent exile organization had continued to boast publicly that his men planned to attack the Havana pavilion at Montreal with bazookas and plastic explosives.

The intelligence services of both the United States and Canada are apprehensive that the attack might be planned for July 26, Cuba Day at the world fair.

It is also possible that Rivero may have violated the INS order restricting them as refugees to



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paroled, refugees will remain suspended or be revoked.

The former member of the Brigade Asalto 2506 in the attack at the Bay of Pigs is in the Dade County jail. He is not expected to be sent back to Cuba, where certain death would await him, but probably will be kept out of circulation until after the Cuban celebration at Montreal.

Washington sources are fairly certain Cuban President Oswald Dorticos will attend the fair on July 26, anniversary of the foundation of Castro's revolutionary movement. They also have heard reports that Castro himself will attend.

The United States has the right to revoke the paroles of refugees at any time and even to deport them. It might not be possible to find another country willing to take Rivero. In that case, it is expected he would remain in custody until such time as the government decided he was no longer disposed to violate American laws.

New York and Dade County, Fla.

INS did not disclose why its agents took Rivero into custody at his Coral Gables, Fla., home Friday night. But some of the facts may emerge at an immigration hearing set for tomorrow in Miami to determine whether Rivero's status as a

Cuban in Expo 67 Plot Held For Refugee-Status Hearing

By JEREMIAH O'LEARY

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The Immigration and Naturalization Service has revoked the refugee parole status of a Cuban exile leader whose organization has been planning for months to make a bazooka attack on the Cuban pavilion at Canada's Expo 67.

INS agents took Felipe Rivero Diaz, 42, into custody last night at his home in Coral Gables, Fla., and placed him in the Dade County Jail to await a hearing Monday before an immigration officer to determine whether he can remain in the United States as a refugee.

Rivero, a veteran of the Bay of Pigs invasion and recently employed in a Miami used car lot, is the acknowledged leader of an extremist anti-Castro organization called Asociacion Nacionalista Cubana.

Restricted in Florida

He and six of his followers were ordered to restrict themselves to the Dade County area three weeks ago by INS after evidence had mounted that the CNA was determined to attack the Cuban exhibit in Montreal.

Official sources said Rivero and his group are known to have fired a bazooka shell at the United Nations Building in New York in 1964.

They also tried to blow up the



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Tomb of Karl Marx in London in 1965, fired a bazooka shell at the Cuban Embassy in Ottawa in 1966 and last year set off a plastic bomb beside an auction house in Montreal where property taken from exiles leaving Havana was allegedly being sold.

Won't Be Sent to Cuba

Informed sources said there is no chance that Rivero will be returned to Cuba which would be tantamount to signing his death warrant. If the suspension of his parole status as a

refugee is upheld, Rivero will either be deported to any country that will accept him or remain in custody.

Officials would not disclose why INS arrested Rivero last night except to say it was on the basis of information now before INS.

However, informed sources said the Nacionalista leader had never abandoned his plan to attack the Expo 67 pavilion and continued boasting about the terrorist plans of his small organization.