

## Cuba Exiles Attempt Ship Hijack

MIAMI (AP) — A militant anti-Castro Cuban exile said today his group dispatched a heavily armed war party to hijack the Communist ship that rammed its own lifeboat carrying three crewmen fleeing to asylum in the United States. The effort was called "Operation Pueblo."

Dr. Orlando Bosch said U.S. government agents arrested four of the raiders and seized one arms-laden boat for violating federal laws. Later, another member of the group said six men in a second boat returned to Miami without attacking the ship.

Bosch said the 10 men were sent to hijack the Cuban freighter 26 de Julio, which rammed the lifeboat 10 miles off the Virginia coast Tuesday when three men called "traitor crewmen" by the Fidel Castro government attempted to flee the vessel.

The raiders, Bosch said, "knew where the ship was going and the way it was taking. They could very well have attacked the 26 de Julio if the U.S. government had not interfered."

Fred Patton, supervising U.S. customs agent in Miami, confirmed the four men named by Bosch were arrested in a boat carrying arms. Patton said, "they made no statement" about their intentions. The four were jailed on charges of illegal arms exportation.

## CIA-EXPLOSIVES TIE IS CLAIMED

Indicted Cubans Testify on L.A. Bombings

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Explosives used in five bombings in Los Angeles last July 19 came originally from the Central Intelligence Agency, according to county grand jury testimony made public Monday.

The transcript said the explosives may have been originally designated for the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in 1961.

Two FBI agents, Richard Castillo and Bernardo M. Perez, testified last month during the grand jury's investigation of the bombing of five buildings. They said two Cuban exiles subsequently indicted in the case had been trained by the CIA in the use of explosives for the abortive invasion.

Hector M. Cornillot y Llano Jr. and Juan Garcia-Cardenas, both 30, residents of Miami, Fla., were charged on 15 counts of illegally possessing and discharging explosives.

Within three hours, bombings occurred at offices of firms or organizations accused by Cuban exiles of being on friendly relations with the Cuban government of Fidel Castro.

One of the FBI agents testified that Cornillot, before his arrest, "said the explosives came from the CIA, the Central Intelligence Agency, and he stated that this was the original source and that it did not come directly from the CIA."

Castillo said that after the Bay of Pigs invasion, explosives could be found anywhere in the Miami area.

"Many of the Cubans who were sent on this invasion never actually went," he testified.

"We found they went to small islands near Cuba where they buried all of these weapons, knowing them could go back later and sell them."

Castillo said Cornillot said he was part of the military unit that took part in the Bay of Pigs invasion in Cuba. The FBI agents said Cornillot told them he was a member of "Los Subversivos," an action group of the militant "Cuban Power Organization."

The bombed Los Angeles buildings were the government of Mexico tourist department office on Wilshire Boulevard, the Air France Airlines Office on W. Seventh Street, Japan Air Lines office on W. Sixth, the Mexican National Tourist Council on Wilshire and the Shell Data Processing Center on Westmoreland.

## Doctor Turned Terrorist Given 10-Year Sentence

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Dr. Orlando Bosch, baby doctor turned terrorist, was sentenced Friday to 10 years in prison for shelling a Polish freighter docked in Miami.

Eight other members of Bosch's "Cuban Power" band received sentences ranging from one to six years. They were convicted of conspiring to commit acts of war against other nations by plotting to place explosives on ships of nations trading with Fidel Castro's government.

U.S. District Judge William O. Mehrrens ordered Bosch and four others to start serving their sentences immediately.

A sixth, 30-year-old Jorge Gutierrez who got five years, was permitted to remain free on bond until Jan. 2 because he is getting married Dec. 27.

The other three, including the one woman in the case, were allowed to remain free on appeal.

Defense Attorney Melvyn Greenspan announced he would appeal the convictions to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

Bosch, Barbaro Balan, and Jose Diaz Morejon were convicted of firing on the Polish freighter Polanica in Miami harbor Sept. 16 with a .57 millimeter

recoilless rifle. All three were found guilty of conspiring to blast ships from countries trading with the Fidel Castro regime.

Bosch, 42, former Havana pediatrician and the father of five, also was convicted of sending ship-bombing threats to the heads of state in Spain, England and Mexico. The sentence was 10 years for the Polanica shooting with eight years in other sentences to run concurrently.

Balan and Diaz Morejon each got six years for the shelling and concurrent five-year terms for conspiracy. Gutierrez and Marco Rodriguez, both of whose fingerprints were found on a newspaper stuffed into a 15-pound dummy bomb on a British freighter at New Orleans, got five years.

Testimony at the trial which ended Nov. 15 showed the device was a dummy secretly supplied by the FBI through an informer. Brunette Almea Miranda, 40, drew one year for conspiracy to violate the neutrality of the United States.

Jesus Dominguez got 18 months for the conspiracy; Eudilino Gutierrez, Jorge's father, got one year; and Andres Jose Gonzalez Gonzalez got five years, the maximum.

## Six Cubans Face Piracy Charge for Seizing Vessel Out of Miami

CHICAGO (AP) — Six Cubans accused of piracy in the seizure of a freighter off Miami Beach surrendered to federal officials Thursday and were held for removal to Florida.

The exiles, all Chicago residents, were indicted Wednesday by a federal grand jury in Miami.

The indictment accused them of planning to take the freighter transporter "to a point near Cuba and use it as their own." The men, the indictments said, took the ship June 11 "with open force and 31 crew members and 7 passengers in fear of physical harm."

Those who

the FBI are Modesto Carlos Garcia Mendez, Humberto Mendez Montes de Oca, Romiro de la Fe Perez, Manuel Alvarez Soto, Amando Betancourt y Mella de Eusebio and Gerardo Trejo y de Regula.

They were taken before U.S. Commissioner Bruno E. Nowogrodzki who set bond at \$2,500 each. He ordered them held to the U.S. district court for removal to the southern federal district of Florida.

The ship was bound for Guatemala. Moments after the freighter left Miami six stowaways were on board, apparently waiting for someone, or another ship. They left hurriedly in a lifeboat and