

## Ship Seizure Foiled By U.S., Cubans Say

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An ill-fated March 1 (UPI)—The leader of a militant Cuban exile group angrily blamed the United States today for foiling an attempt by raiders to capture the Cuban freighter that rammed its own lifeboat off Virginia Tuesday.

The men were being returned to Cuba to stand trial. Witnesses to the drama off the Virginia coast believed however, the men drowned after the lifeboat was rammed by the freighter.)

small boat containing four men yesterday off Government Cut near a Coast Guard station. They were charged with probable charges of attempting to illegally enter the United States.

Capt. Robert J. ...  
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tionary ... (MIRA) said the men were on a mission to attack the freighter 30th of July as it passed the Florida coast and that three would be ... who had been in the ...

the 18-foot boat carried a 20 mm. gun, an automatic rifle and hand grenades and were going to rendezvous with a 25-foot vessel carrying six men armed with "several 57 mm. cannons" and 50 caliber machine guns. When the smaller vessel didn't show up on time, ... said the larger boat fled to escape possible capture by the Coast Guard.

(Havana Radio said yesterday the three "traitors" were taken from the sea alive and