

CUBAN-MANAGED STORES BOMBED

Punishing Apathy, Say

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MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Terror bombers, complaining of revolutionary apathy among Cuban exiles, blasted a string of Cuban-operated stores in Miami's Little Havana section Thursday.

"We will punish all who deserve it," proclaimed a secret exile group that said it caused the explosion.

Greater Miami officials said the explosion occurred in a store that was unoccupied.

The blast destroyed a building vacated recently by a millinery and a jewelry store, and damaged other nearby stores.

Called by the Miami Police Department as "punishment," the explosion occurred in the Little Havana section of Miami.

Officials in the city said the group that the exiles said caused the explosion is a secret organization.

The organization, said of several secret exile groups, bands operating in Miami, criticized "those who place their personal interests above activity for liberation of our country."

But Lt. Jay Golden of the Miami police department said it appeared that 95 per cent of the recent terrorism had been on a pattern of "extortion rather than political or patriotic activities."

Damaged in the Thursday blast were a tobacco company, a jewelry store not yet open for business, a vacant store and a restaurant called La Esquina de Teles. (Associated Press). Police said the explosive was equivalent to a pound of dynamite.