

Accused of Ship Threats

MIAMI (AP) — Nine Cuban exiles were charged today in connection with a nationwide wave of anti-Castro terror activities—bombings and shellings conducted in the name of “Cuban power.”

A former Cuban doctor, Orlando Bosch, was among those charged. He was accused of threatening to destroy ships and planes of Great Britain, Mexico and Spain in cablegrams sent June 6 to the heads of government in those countries.

Bosch and two other exiles, Jose Diaz Morejon and Barbara Balan Garcia, also were charged with the Sept. 16 shelling of the Polish freighter Polanica in Miami harbor. That incident led to apologies by the United States government after protests were published in Iron Curtain newspapers.

J. EDGAR HOOVER, director of the FBI, said the charges involved a wave of terror that included bombings in New York, Los Angeles and Miami, where 39 bombings or attempted bombings have occurred since Jan. 1.

All nine of those named in the indictment were arrested in Miami today, the FBI said. The indictments, returned secretly yesterday by a federal grand jury in Miami, charged all nine defendants with conspiracy to violate U.S. neutrality laws.

Hoover said the threats with which Bosch was charged were signed “Ernesto, general delegate of Cuban Power.” Recently in a dramatic midnight news conference, the man identifying himself as Ernesto appeared with a hood and said Bosch would be spokesman for the organization. Bosch later accepted.

OF THE CABLES, Hoover said, “These communications

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ORLANDO BOSCH, SPOKESMAN FOR CUBAN POWER, holds his handcuffed hands up in victory signs in Miami, Fla., today after he was arrested by the FBI in connection with the shooting of a Polish ship. He is also charged with sending cables threatening destruction of ships and planes owned by Great Britain, Mexico and Spain.

threatened that ships and aircraft of those nations would be subjected to acts of destruction unless those countries discontinued trade with Cuba.”

Hoover said in his statement, “The Miami-based organization known as Cuban Power is a militant anti-Castro organization which has publicly claimed responsibility for various acts of violence against property of those nations which have continued to carry on trading with Cuba.”

Although the indictments did not charge specific bombing attacks, which are not federal crimes, the FBI said here Hoover's statement was in reference to a wave of attacks on facilities of Spain, Mexico and Great Britain in the United States.

CONSULATES, Embassies, offices of government airlines and even private automobiles of the consuls were bombed in attacks for which Cuban Power claimed credit—sometimes prior to the attack.

Miami police and victims of some bombings claimed that the majority of attacks were acts of extortion, carried out to back up demands for money.

In the January attack Cuban Power claimed as its first, however, a bomb exploded aboard a plane at Miami International Airport loaded with packages for Cuba. The packages were shipped to friends and relatives by refugees in Miami's

Cuban Power announced its existence early that morning with a call about the bomb plan to news agencies long before the bombing occurred.

Other bombings attacked brokers who handled package shipments to Cuba and at least one bomb claimed by the group exploded in a Havana post office blast, the incident that cut off almost all package mail from the United States to the Communist island.

THE FBI IDENTIFIED the other persons arrested as Miss Aimee Miranda Cruz, 40, the only woman in the group; Marco Rodriguez Ramos, 24; Jorge Luis Gutierrez Ulla, 20; Ramon Gutierrez, 45, father of Jorge; Andres Jorge Gonzalez, 37, and Jesus Dominguez Benitez, 27.

Bosch, who was a pediatrician in Cuba, had been arrested many times previously for anti-Communist activities but never convicted. Two years ago he was acquitted in Miami of a federal extortion charge which included allegations of death threats, bombings and shooting attacks on fellow exiles.

At one time, U.S. authorities reportedly posted around-the-clock surveillance at Bosch's home and office. He heads the Revolutionary Recovery Insurance Movement, one of the most militant anti-Castro groups.