

Cuban Exile Leader Slain in Miami; 7th in 3 Years

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MIAMI, Jan. 7—Juan Jose Peruyero, former president of the Cuban Bay of Pigs Invasion Brigade Veteran Association, was shot to death here today by unidentified assailants.

The 46-year-old owner of an automobile body shop was the seventh exile leader to die in the last three years in what the police believe were politically motivated assassinations.

According to the police, Mr. Peruyero left his home soon after 8 A.M. and walked about 20 yards to his small van parked in the street to go to work. As he was opening the door, he was shot twice in the back by one or two men. He was taken to Jackson Memorial Hospital, where he died some 90 minutes later.

The police said that the assailants, who according to witnesses fled in a 1967 Cadillac, were waiting for Mr. Peruyero and must have known his daily routine.

A number of exiles saw in the Peruyero slaying the continuation of a wave of crime and terrorism that many had believed to be abating because there had been no acts of violence since last May.

In the last three years, about 100 bombs also have exploded in the Miami area, several attempts have been made to kill prominent Cubans and a number of newsmen, both Cubans and Americans, have received death threats.

Last May, Emilio Milian, a good friend of Mr. Peruyero, a Cuban-American radio commentator who has combatted terrorism, lost two legs when a bomb exploded in his car.

A local law enforcement official investigating the Peruyero killing described it as a "political assassination."

Mr. Peruyero, who is survived by his wife and two daughters, has been described as a political activist. He was a known anti-Communist and he had re-

portedly organized and taken part in several commando raids against Cuban shipping and coastal targets.

He was also instrumental in having the Bay of Pigs flag returned to Miami from Washington. The flag was given to Presi-

dent Kennedy in January 1962 by the brigade at a rally held in Miami after the 1,500-member group returned to the United States after the payment to the Cuban Government of a \$62 million ransom arranged by the President.



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The wife of Juan José Peruyero grieves after learning of her husband's death

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