

# Cuba Shows No Sign of Ray's

From News Dispatches

Despite rumors and counter-rumors, the promised day of action came and went yesterday without report of any activity by 39-year-old Manuel Ray, Cuban revolutionary leader who had pledged to be back on the island May 20, Cuban Independence Day.

In fact, much of the activity concerning the island was taking place outside.

In Nicaragua, there were increasing signs that the campaign that Cuban exiles claim they are mounting against Premier Fidel Castro originates at bases other than rumored sites in central America.

High government sources in

Managua discount news dispatches reporting anti-Castro staging areas or training grounds in Nicaragua.

And former President Luis Somoza, who has been openly helping one of the exile leaders, Manuel Artime, said: "There are no official bases in Nicaragua, Guatemala or Costa Rica."

## Infiltration Reported

In Washington, the Citizens Committee for a Free Cuba said it had been informed that some infiltrators entered Northern Cuba Tuesday night.

The Committee said the group was small and it would be misleading to call the operation a landing.

An organization of U.S. Citizens opposed the Castro regime. The Committee maintains close contacts with anti-Castro Cuban exiles in Miami and elsewhere and is usually well informed on their activities.

In Miami, Cuban exiles were putting their hopes on the long shot that what Castro did to Fulgencio Batista, they can do to Castro.

The primary focus of this hope is Manuel Ray, but crowding him for attention are two other major exile figures, Eloy Gutierrez Manoyo and Artime.

Also elbowing in are every one of some 300 other exile

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groups in the area, which do not want to be left out if something big is happening.

The constant revolutionary planning and plotting fills the air with rumors, and these are seized so eagerly they become larger as they ricochet.

## 'Practice' Maneuvers

In Cuba, meanwhile, the Castro regime ordered "practice" air and artillery maneuvers across infiltration-prone western Cuba.

Havana dispatches said the government, apparently reacting to a night-long barrage of clandestine radio calls for open revolt and sabotage that continued yesterday, ordered

"artillery practice" in western Pinar del Rio Province and "jet plane maneuvers" between Pinar del Rio and Matanzas.

At the same time, the Cuban labor movement in eastern Oriente Province decreed "total mobilization" for defense and production and Armed Forces Minister Raul Castro called a mass rally in Santiago for Friday night to demonstrate popular support for the regime.

Three clandestine broadcasts at midmorning in the name of the Revolutionary Student Directorate called on Cuban

students to "join the revolt" against Castro and urged the citizenry to undercut the island's weakened electric power supply by leaving the lights on.

An unusually wide variety of short-wave transmissions were heard between midnight and daylight. Some featured the voice of a woman who exhorted Cuban mothers to encourage their sons to rebel.

Claims that exile "combatants" are now on Cuban soil and that infiltration forces are ensconced in certain mountain ranges also were broadcast.