

Five-Man 'War Board' Picked by Cuban Exiles

MIAMI, May 22. (UPI)—Five Cuban exile figures, including a leader of the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion, won worldwide refugee endorsement today to launch a new military drive against the Fidel Castro regime. The vote was 40,905 to 979.

There were indications that "war bases" will be set up outside the United States and that the five may assume a role similar to that of a government-in-exile.

The month-long global referendum was conducted by mail.

Meanwhile, a Castro government spokesman in Havana denied reports about the alleged capture of an anti-government band in Pinar del Rio Province.

Other developments during the day included:

- Reports from Mexico that anti-Castro action groups may be concentrating along the northern Gulf of Mexico.

- An announcement that a key exile leader — Manuel Artime of the Revolutionary

Recovery Movement is believed to be in Caracas, Venezuela.

- Underground reports by the Sentinels of Liberty organization that seven Castroite militiamen and a pro-Castro longshoreman were killed earlier this month in Oriente Province.

Eneido Oliva, 31-year-old deputy commander of the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion, was one of five exiles approved by the referendum to comprise a "War Board." He is now in Washington.

Former Havana lawyer Ernesto Freyre, 53, another member of the elected slate, said three main committees—finance, propaganda and public relations, and war—will be set up immediately.

Military operations will be directed by Oliva, he said.

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