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Virginian's Minutemen Role Told

An Alexandria teacher of judo and karate said yesterday he joined the Minutemen and taught local members hand-to-hand combat in hopes they would help him and his father invade Cuba and overthrow Fidel Castro some day.

Mario Garcia Kohly Jr., who said he is a Cuban citizen, insisted that he never taught or accompanied local Minutemen as an organized unit and that he knew nothing of a dynamite cache, uncovered in Prince William County, Va., Thursday.

The dynamite was found in a wooded area believed by the FBI to have been used by Minutemen for target practice and guerrilla type training. The Minutemen train, often with weapons, for what they expect

to be a Communist "takeover" in America.

Likes It Here

Garcia Kohly, whose father claims leadership of Cuban exiles seeking to return and overthrow Castro, said he first came in contact with the Minutemen while he was training Cubans in Florida.

"I am interested in freeing Cuba," he said. "This is my concern. I am not concerned with American politics. In time, of emergency I would help this country, because I like it here.

"A few of my American students offered to help us. Some of them are Minutemen, sure. The Minutemen offered us assistance to help overthrow Castro. I'm not too familiar with the organization, but they seemed sincere.

Receives Their Material

"I joined the Minutemen, yes, by receiving their material in the mail. I subscribed to On Target (the Minutemen's publication). I was interested in getting their material, which has helped me in my field.

"I've been training them. I thought it was good public relations, since they offered to help me."

He said he had gone on training expeditions both to Virginia and Pennsylvania, though he said he could not pinpoint the locations. Garcia Kohly said the groups never went as organized units of Minutemen, although sometimes Minutemen were among them.

Sometimes the groups practiced target shooting with small arms, but he did not take part in the firing, Garcia Kohly said. "I'm not very good with a gun."

Counterfeit Charge

He said he instructed the trainees in hand-to-hand combat and disarming an adversary with a weapon.

Garcia Kohly, 34, lives at 1121 S. 18th st., Arlington, with his wife and two sons. His father, Mario Garcia Kohly, 64, listed at 1600 S. Joyce st., Arlington, and his chauffeur, William Grosh, 51,

listed at 1506 S. Nelson st., Arlington, were sentenced in New York last year to one year in prison each for conspiring to counterfeit Cuban money.

They said they wanted to flood Cuba with enough bogus pesos to depress the economy. On June 1 the Supreme Court refused to review the convictions.

Joined by Virginians

The FBI put local authorities onto the dynamite cache and apparent training ground on a 3000-acre tract in Virginia

after determinings that no Federal violation had occurred. It was reported that one

FBI man or more had infiltrated a local Minuteman unit, and that Prince William officials would not move for any arrests until the FBI investigation is finished.

In Reading, Pa., reporter Tom W. Harris said he had received information that Minutemen training around Reading had been joined by at least two Virginia men.

Nazis Ousted

Harris is a reporter for the weekly Berks County Record, which reported last Thursday on activity of Minutemen in that area. Harris said he had known of Minutemen in the area for three months and got on their trail while investigat-

ing activity of American Nazis in the area.

He said a Pennsylvania State Police official told of difficulty in finding law violations by Minutemen, since citizens can keep weapons like machine guns there and they apparently get permission to use their training grounds.

In Arlington American Nazi commander George Lincoln Rockwell said his far-right organization has kicked out "quite a few" men who he heard had gone over to the Minutemen. Rockwell said these busted Nazis generally were "irresponsible, impatient and wanted to use violence."

Rockwell said he does not work with the Minutemen. "They are defeatist," he said. "They think the country is

going to go down the drain and then they'll win by guerrilla warfare. I think we can win legally."



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... instructed Minutemen