

Cuba Exiles Await News Of Raiders

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Cuban exiles, anticipating more sea or air raids against Premier Fidel Castro's forces in coming weeks, looked for new signs today of underground activity.

The war of nerve between exiles and Castroites over the last 10 days appeared to be settling into a watch-and-wait situation.

Cuban radio stations, reflecting the apparent state of anxiety on the island, were hammering home new slogans to the people. "Better dead than conquered" was one.

Another, aimed at increasing sugar production as well as protecting the cane fields from sabotage, was "Into the cane fields with your rifle."

Former President Carlos Prío Socarras said, at ceremonies in the Dominican Republic last night marking the 62d anniversary of Cuban independence, that "the fight has started. But of course we must not believe that Fidel Castro will be overthrown overnight."

A continuing air of mystery about the whereabouts of two exile leaders—Manuel Artime and Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo—added to the expectation of impending action. This "feeling" was bolstered by the unexplained flight—presumably reconnaissance—of an "intruder" B-26 along the south-last night.

Cuban military radio messages indicated that two Mig fighter planes "scrambled" to attack the plane but did not get into the air fast enough.

A third exile figure, Manuel Ray, was to have been inside Cuba by yesterday.