

Artime Doubts Invasion Soon

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Manuel Artime, leader of the Cuban exile Revolutionary Recovery Movement (MRR) yesterday expressed doubt that any refugee invasion of Cuba is imminent.

Artime, in his first public appearance since MRR raiders struck a Cuban sugar mill last week, said in Caracas, Venezuela, that it would take three years of such commando attacks to bring down the regime of Cuban Premier Castro.

In Cuba, Vice Premier Raul Castro said Friday night that the Cuban armed forces have been put on alert because of the danger of a "sneak attack" by the United States.

Castro, younger brother of Premier Castro and armed forces minister, threatened stern measures against residents of Cuba pleased by reports that anti-Castro exiles plan to invade the island.

Castro said any anti-Castro exiles who attempt to invade

Cuba will be shot by firing squads.

"It is time to mount a counter-offensive against the 'gusaneria' intestinal worms, who are pleased by news of an alleged invasion," he said.

"... these little internal worms, instead of being so happy expecting a landing (by anti-Castro forces), might find that our good members of the state security department have made a landing in their homes and taken them to prison," Castro said.

In Mexico City an organization of refugee Cuban newsmen said Friday that an anti-Castro Cuban guerrilla force killed five Russian soldiers in an attack on a "Soviet nuclear submarine base" in Cuba. The claim, however, was generally discounted.

Modesto Vazquez, spokesman for the refugee group, said the guerrillas attacked the Russian base at Bahia Honda in Pinar del Rio province Wednesday night.