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# Extensive Troop Movements in Cuba Reported as 'Invasion Jitters' Sign

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MIAMI, May 18 (AP)—Refugees who just arrived from Cuba reported extensive troop movements there as indications of impending exile incursions against the Premier Fidel Castro regime mounted today.

"Invasion jitters have made the Communists desperate," said Ramon Espino, one of 48 fugitives from Cuba arriving by small boats over the weekend.

Espino, from Cardenas in Matanzas Province, east of Havana, added:

"We saw continuous streams of trucks filled with troops on the highways, apparently en route to the coasts and mountains. Also tanks and cannon.

"We heard that Cuba's prisons and concentration camps are overflowing."

Cuban radio stations, normally silent during the night, went on a 24-hour basis. Government offices and armed forces centers operated on an emergency basis.

Exiles heard this mysterious short-wave broadcast: "The little tree is in the pasture. Indalecio."

Some speculated it might have been a message to the Cuban underground that Manuel Ray had landed in Cuba. They pointed out that a twig is the emblem of the revolu-

tionary junta, the organization headed by Ray, Castro's former underground leader. Junta headquarters said they had no news about any Ray landing, but he was reported to have left Puerto Rico, his exile home.

Exiles awaited news of an expected landing of another revolutionary leader, Maj. Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo, who defected after helping Castro oust President Fulgencio Batista in 1959.

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raid on a Cuban sugar mill by forces of Revolutionary Recovery Movement, which Bay of Pigs