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MIAMI, FLA. (AP)-MORE THAN 200 TORCH-BEARING CUBANS MARCHED TO THE FEDERAL BUILDING THURSDAY NIGHT AS PART OF AN EXTENSIVE PROTEST CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE JAILING BY U.S. AUTHORITIES OF ONE OF THE MOST MILITANT ANTI-CASTRO EXILES, FELIPE RIVERO.

ON STRETCHERS, THEY CARRIED THREE PERSONS WHO ARE ON HUNGER STRIKE IN SYMPATHY WITH RIVERO.

THE THREE-MILE MARCH TOOK THE DEMONSTRATORS PAST DADE COUNTY JAIL, WHERE RIVERO HAS BEEN FASTING SINCE TUESDAY. THERE WERE NO DISORDERS. IT WAS THE SECOND PRO-RIVERO TORCHLIGHT DEMONSTRATION SINCE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES ARRESTED HIM A WEEK AGO.

THE STRETCHER-BORNE CUBANS WERE THREE OF 18 REPORTED ON SYMPATHY HUNGER STRIKE IN THE EXILE COLONY HERE. MORE HAVE SAID THEY WILL JOIN.

U.S. AUTHORITIES SAID RIVERO WAS ARRESTED "ON THE BASIS OF CERTAIN INFORMATION." HIS CUBAN NATIONALIST ASSOCIATION, WHICH HAS A RECORD OF SABOTAGE AT PRO-CASTRO ESTABLISHMENTS, HAD MADE VEILED THREATS AGAINST THE CUBAN PAVILION AT EXPO 67 IN MONTREAL.

A TWO-MAN EXILE DELEGATION LEFT FOR WASHINGTON TO URGE THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES TO HELP RIVERO.

SUPPORTERS OF THE 43-YEAR-OLD BAY OF PIGS INVASION VETERAN HAVE BEEN SENDING "FREE RIVERO" TELEGRAMS TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON FOR TWO DAYS.

THE JOHN F. KENNEDY TORCH OF FRIENDSHIP, SURROUNDED BY FLAGS OF THE AMERICAN NATIONS, BURNED AGAIN AFTER HAVING BEEN SNUFFED OUT BY EXILES TO CALL ATTENTION TO RIVERO'S IMPRISONMENT.

IN HIS JAIL CELL, RIVERO PENNED A STATEMENT ASKING FELLOW EXILES TO MAKE HIS ARREST A RALLYING POINT FOR UNITED ACTION AGAINST THE CASTRO GOVERNMENT.

RIVERO SAID HIS IMPRISONMENT REVIVED MEMORIES OF HIS CONFINEMENT IN CUBA AFTER BEING CAPTURED DURING THE ILL-FATED 1961 INVASION.

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