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MIAMI, FLA. (AP)-OBSERVING THE 65TH BIRTHDAY OF CUBA AS A SOVEREIGN NATION TODAY, EXILES SEEM MORE UNITED THAN IN YEARS. THE JAILING AND THREATENED DEPORTATION OF FELIPE RIVERO, ONE OF THEIR MOST MILITANT ANTI-CASTRO LEADERS, HAS SERVED AS A RALLYING POINT.

PLEAS FOR RIVERO'S FREEDOM TOP THE AGENDA OF AN INDEPENDENCE DAY RALLY AT BAY FRONT PARK TONIGHT. WOMEN WILL MARCH TO THE MEETING IN MOURNING CLOTHES.

RIVERO, HEAD OF THE AGGRESSIVE CUBAN NATIONALIST ASSOCIATION, WAS IN DADE COUNTY JAIL, AND ON A HUNGER STRIKE. IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES ARRESTED HIM A WEEK AGO AND RULED HE MUST BE EXCLUDED FROM THE UNITED STATES SINCE HE HEADS AN ORGANIZATION THAT PRACTICES VIOLENCE.

AT AN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT HEARING FRIDAY, RIVERO WAS GRANTED A REQUEST FOR A HEARING WITH ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE PUBLIC AND NEWSMEN, AND WHERE HE CAN HAVE WITNESSES. HIS FIRST HEARING WAS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

SOME 30 CUBANS HERE AND IN OTHER EXILE CENTERS HAVE JOINED RIVERO IN HIS HUNGER STRIKE. MEMBERS OF THE WIDELY SPLIT EXILE COLONY HAVE JOINED IN ALMOST DAILY DEMONSTRATIONS AND OTHER ACTION IN HIS BEHALF.

FOUR PROMINENT EXILES ATTENDING INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS IN LOS ANGELES SENT A TELEGRAM TO ATTY. GEN. TOM CLARK URGING HIM TO HELP FREE RIVERO. THEY WERE CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, EX-PRESIDENT OF CUBA; EMILIO NUNEZ PORTUONDO, FORMER U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT; EDUARDO SUAREZ RIVAS, FORMER SENATE PRESIDENT, AND RAFAEL GUAS INCLAN, FORMER VICE PRESIDENT.

MOREOVER, THE FOUR ANNOUNCED PLANS FRIDAY TO SEEK WORLDWIDE UNIFICATION OF EXILED CUBANS.

THE FOUR DREW UP A COMMUNIQUE ENTITLED, "THE LOS ANGELES DECLARATION."

IN THE COMMUNIQUE, THE EXILED LEADERS SAID THEY WOULD WORK FOR UNITY AMONG THE 600,000 CUBAN EXILES, AND RECOMMENDED AN ATTEMPT TO SELECT LEADERS TO SPEAK FOR THE ENTIRE EXILE BODY.

IT WAS APPARENT, HOWEVER, THAT THE DECLARATION ON RIVERO'S CASE

WASN'T ENOUGH TO WELD TOGETHER THE EXILES.

THE ORGANIZERS OF "CIVIC GROUP," A UNITY MOVEMENT IN MIAMI, BOYCOTTED THE LOS ANGELES MEETING. THEY SAID THE PERSONALITIES THERE, EXCEPT NUNEZ PORTUONDO, HAD SNUBBED CIVIC GROUP, WHEN IT ORGANIZED FEB. 11, "EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE IN MIAMI."

THE THREE ARE CARLOS MARQUEZ STERLING, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN CUBA'S LAST ELECTIONS; JOSE IGNACIO RIVERO, PUBLISHER OF CUBA'S OLDEST NEWSPAPER, DIARIO DE LA MARINA, AND ERNESTO FREYRE, LAWYER AND HEAD OF "EXILE REPRESENTATION," ANOTHER UNITY MOVEMENT.

CUBA BECAME A REPUBLIC MAY 20, 1962, AFTER WARFARE WITH SPAIN SINCE 1868. THE UNITED STATES TURNED THE TIDE IN THE SPANISH AMERICAN WAR.

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