

Explosion Near Visiting Soviet Ship

Miami, Fla.

Flanked by patrol boats and with helicopters hovering overhead, the Soviet research ship Akademik Kurchatov sailed out of Miami Harbor yesterday, ending a five-day goodwill visit marked by a bomb explosion and demonstrations.

The floating bomb exploded less than a mile from the ship early yesterday, shattering the calm of Biscayne Bay and sending security officers hurrying to the vessel.

As the ship was preparing to leave port, an unidentified Spanish-speaking caller told the Associated Press the bomb was the work of an organization he called "Young Cuba" and said the bay had been "mined."

The caller said he was the same man who had warned the Associated Press minutes before the explosion.

Police said the blast, which shattered windows in homes on Venetian Island north of the dock where the vessel was anchored, apparently was caused by dynamite.

About 40 young demonstrators had picketed the ship Tuesday and on Sunday police clashed with about 2000 demonstrators.

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