

Leftists Bid Lisbon Free Cuban Officer

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LISBON, May 26 — Soldiers used tear gas tonight to disperse a crowd of ultraleftists, including many black Africans, who were demonstrating for the release of a Cuban Army officer captured by Portuguese forces during operations against guerrillas in Portuguese Guinea.

The military authorities ordered broadcasting stations here not to report on the matter. But two independent Lisbon radio stations issued protests against what they termed censorship.

The Cuban, identified as Capt. Pedro Rodriguez Peralta, 35 years old, was captured in the rebel-held territory of Portuguese Guinea in November, 1969. He was sentenced here in June, 1972, to 10 years and a day in prison for his alleged role, advising the rebel movement.

Captain Peralta was released from prison earlier this month under an amnesty and transferred to the officer's wing of Estrela Military Hospital, on a

hill here. He is being treated for what is described as a sore arm and is still under detention.

Last night, participants in a leftist protest against continued fighting in Portugal's African possessions marched to the hospital in western Lisbon and started an all-night vigil, shouting, "Free Comrade Peralta."

Army military policemen kept the demonstration under control. Late last night, five armored cars were posted at the approaches to the hospital. They were withdrawn this morning.

A police officer told the demonstrators early today that the Cuban was being detained "because of strong national interests" and could not be released at once.

The officer added that Captain Peralta's status would be cleared up by international negotiations, and denied rumors that the Cuban would be exchanged for an agent of the

United States Central Intelligence Agency. The protesters disbanded this afternoon.

Lisbon newspapers asserted last week that Washington had asked Portugal to request the release of a C.I.A. agent, identified as Lawrence K. Lunt, who was serving 30 years in a Cuban prison, in exchange for Captain Peralta.

The Cuban chargé d'affaires in Lisbon is scheduled to begin talks with Portuguese officials about Captain Peralta in a few days.

5 Die in Polish Mine Cave-In

WARSAW, May 26 (Reuters)

—Five coal miners died in an underground accident at Piekary in southern Poland, the official press agency PAP reported today. Three other miners, trapped by a cave-in at the mine Friday, were rescued.