

## Anti-Castro Organization Involved in Break-in?

MIAMI (AP) — An organization known as Ameritas, initially described by police as an anti-Castro revolutionary group, is emerging as a focal point in the investigation of the break-in at the Democratic National Committee.

Police in Washington say hotel reservations were made

on Ameritas stationery for nine men who are either in custody or sought for questioning in connection with the break-in.

In another development, a District of Columbia judge reduced the bond for four of the five men jailed in the incident. Their attorney said he

expects the four to post bond and gain release today.

Superior Court Judge James A. Belson set a cash bond requiring a \$3,000 deposit for the release of James W. McCord Jr., reducing it from \$30,000. Bond for the other three, Bernard L. Barker, Vir-

gilio R. Gonzales and Eugenio R. Martinez, was reduced from \$50,000 to \$40,000 each with a \$4,000 cash deposit required for release.)

The judge let stand the \$50,000 bond set for Frank A. Sturgis, the fifth man arrested for the break-in last week.

at the Democratic offices in the same Watergate complex as the hotel where the name of Ameritas surfaced.

District of Columbia police called the organization a secret Cuban revolutionary group, but public records in Florida show it to be a corpo-

ration formed in 1969 with the stated purpose of developing real estate.

Most of the key officers and directors are refugees from Castro's Cuba and one is reported to have been involved in the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion.

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## Garrison Requests Money For 7 More Assistants

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BATON ROUGE — Orleans Parish Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison is asking the state Legislature for \$70,000 increase in his office's appropriation to allow the hiring of seven new assistant DA's.

Chief Assistant DA John Volz told the Senate Finance Committee today the seven new attorneys are needed to handle cases in the 10 divisions of Criminal District Court. Garrison currently has 10 assistants, Volz said.

At the request of state Sen. Adrian G. Duplantier of New Orleans, a committee member, the \$70,000 requested was added to the state budget, subject to the approval of the Division of Administration and the Legislative Budget Committee.

Sen. B. B. "Sixty" Rayburn,

committee chairman, told Volz, "I don't know of a single case where we've allowed additional employees for any state agencies this year. We're in a bad way as far as money goes."

Sen. J. D. DeBlieux of Baton Rouge pointed out that the Louisiana Judicial Council had not stated its position on the question of new assistant district attorneys in New Orleans.

Volz said the addition of seven assistants would place the average for each Criminal Court division at 1.5 assistants, compared to the present one per division.

He said the DA's office would have to request supplemental funds for the seven new positions if the state grants the \$70,000 request.