

Six Cuban Exiles Sentenced In the Hijacking of a Ship

MIAMI, Jan. 12 (AP) — Six Cuban exiles were sentenced today to prison terms ranging from six months to three years for hijacking a ship off Miami Beach last June. Testimony at their trial showed they wanted the vessel for a mission against Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba.

United States Judge C. Clyde Atkins sentenced Ramiro de la Fe, 47 years old, a Bay of Pigs invasion veteran, to three years on each of four counts, the sentences running concurrently.

Manuel Alvarez, 31, was sentenced to two and a half years; Sergio Freijo, two years; Armando Betancourt, a 29-year-old former Cuban track star, 18 months; and Modesto Garcia Mendez, 35, and Humberto Perez, 28, six months each.

They were convicted to seizing the 2,700-ton ship Freight Transporter, which was headed for Guatemala.