

9 Seized in N.Y. Cuban Power Plot

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NEW YORK — Nine members of Cuban Power, a paramilitary organization seeking to overthrow the Castro government, were arrested today and charged with a series of bombings in the New York area.

A spokesman for the Manhattan district attorney said the nine, all Cubans, staged the bombings as the first phase of a three-part plan which would have culminated with an invasion of Cuba.

At least 16 bomb explosions

in recent months have been attributed to anti-Castro Cubans. No one was killed but several persons received minor injuries.

TOURIST OFFICES

Most of the attacks were directed against the tourist offices of countries trading with Cuba.

Other explosions, also believed set off by Cuban refugees, have occurred in Newark, Miami, Los Angeles and several Canadian cities.

Authorities said weapons, ammunition and U.S. Army uniforms were seized as po-

lice arrested the nine in pre-dawn raids on their apartments.

CUBAN POWER PLAN

Alfred J. Scottie, chief assistant to the district attorney, said Cuban Power also planned to assassinate Cuban officials in foreign countries and to bomb cargo ships destined for Cuba.

The nine were arrested on five-count indictments charging them with bombing the Spanish National Tourist Office, a private dwelling mistakenly believed to be the Cuban Mission to the United Nations, the Canadian National Tourist Office and the U.S. Immigration Service offices, and with conspiracy to murder and rob the Cuban U.N. Mission.

TESTIMONY

Scottie said investigators heard testimony that Cuban Power planned to assassinate the Cuban ambassador to the United Nations and his entire staff.

The suspects were identified as Guillermo Miguel, 38; Ramiro Cortez, 18; Edgar Rivas, 21; Carlos Fernandez, 24; Gabriel Aday, 49; Jose Rodone, 55; Ivan Acosta, 24; Arturo Rodriguez Vives, 25, and Oscar L. Ascevedo, 38.

Twelve days ago, Dr. Orlando Bosch and eight other exiles were arrested in Miami in terrorist and bombing charges connected with Cuban Power.

SPOKESMAN

Bosch, a 41 year old former Havana pediatrician, was spokesman for the group which began activities about the first of the year. He was identified in the indictment as being the mysterious "Ernesto," whose name frequently was signed to communiques in which Cuban Power took responsibility for bombings.

Bosch and two others specifically were charged with shelling a Polish freighter in Miami harbor.