

Ouster of Cubans Urged

NEW ORLEANS — (UPI) — The U.S. government moved today to deport 22 Cubans who entered the country illegally to attend a world sugar cane meeting.

Dr. Vladimir Cebis, second secretary for consular and legal affairs at the Czech embassy in Washington, was called in by the Cubans to represent their interests in the "exclusion proceedings" started against them last Friday by the State Department.

A Department official has said Cebis would "appear on their (Cubans') behalf, though not a legal counsel, at a hearing which will be convened by a special inquiry officer sometime late this afternoon.

The Cubans, 19 of them claiming to be technologists eligible to attend the 14th World Congress of the International Society of Sugar Cane Technologists, arrived in New Orleans aboard a Russian-built turboprop plane last Tuesday.

The State Department on Sept. 24 had notified the Cuban government that it would not allow the delegation to attend the sugar conference in Louisiana because current policy excluded Cubans from the United States unless they attended United Nations sessions or other intergovernmental functions in which Cuba has a legitimate role.

The hearing for the 19 sugar delegates and the three-

man crew of their airplane lasted only 10 minutes when it was opened Friday.

The Cubans halted the proceedings by asking aid from the Czech government, which looks after Cuba's interests here in the absence of normal diplomatic ties.

The Cubans have been under heavy guard, first at a motel near New Orleans International Airport, and since Thursday at the U.S. Naval Air Station at New Orleans, where security was tightened since they arrived.

The Cubans have indicated they will not leave this country voluntarily until Nov. 5, when the sugar conference ends.