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CUBAN MAGAZINE BOMBED IN MIAMI

Terrorists Are Suspected of
Action Against Weekly

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MIAMI, May 13 — A plastic bomb, apparently placed by Cuban terrorists, destroyed an office last night in the building of *Réplica*, a Spanish-language weekly news magazine published here and in New York.

The explosion, one of several criminal actions in the Cuban community here in the last month, was preceded by a telephoned extortion threat to *Réplica's* editor, Max Lesnik, yesterday morning.

Mr. Lesnik said that a man, who identified himself as a member of a "secret army," phoned him and demanded that he give the "army" the same amount of money as *Réplica* paid in taxes in 1973, "or else." The Cuban-born editor said that he could not identify the caller, but that, judging by the accent, he was a Cuban.

Slaying of Jeweler

In a slaying that some observers here believe is related to extortion-type activities of criminal elements in the Cuban community, a 70-year-old owner of a jewelry store was killed Saturday by a man who fired a pistol with a silencer.

Relatives of the slain Cuban said that robbery had apparently not been a motive for the killing, which occurred at 11:30 A.M. in the store, situated in the heart of the Cuban district.

Last month, José Elias de la Torriente, the leader of a Cuban political organization was killed when several shots were fired one night, through the window of his home as he was watching television.

Local law enforcement agencies have reportedly been joined, by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in investigating these crimes.

Late last month, a Federal grand jury began investigating terrorism among Cuban political groups here.

Political Motive Doubted

The number and the strength of these groups could not be immediately determined. Knowledgeable Cubans say that even though some of these groups have a political front, their motivation is purely criminal.

"The bombing of my building was a terrorist act aimed at intimidating the Cuban community and carried out by a group that wants to introduce a Mafia-type protection racket here," Mr. Lesnik said. He said that the bomb had caused about \$3,000 worth of damage.

Voicing concern over the situation, State Attorney Richard E. Gerstein of Dade County said today that "law enforcement agencies here are going to have to take drastic measures to insure that no reign of terror exists in the Cuban community."