

Cuban Exile Admits Bombing an Airliner Killing 73 Aboard

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 18—A Cuban exile under arrest in Trinidad has admitted planting a bomb that caused a Cuban airliner to crash off Barbados on Oct. 6, killing 73 persons, according to reports reaching Government officials here today.

The officials said the Trinidad authorities had identified the exile as Hernan Ricardo Losano and had said that he was carrying Venezuelan identity papers when detained a day after the crash along with a companion, Freddy Lugo.

The two had flown to Barbados aboard the Cuban airliner and had left the plane there without their luggage. The airliner then took off for Jamaica and Cuba, and soon plunged into the Caribbean when a bomb exploded in the luggage compartment.

The two men took another plane back to Trinidad and were arrested there on Oct. 7. Trinidad informed the United States that Mr. Ricardo Losano had said he was employed by a Cuban-exile detective firm in Venezuela, where four leading associates of the firm were arrested on Friday.

That same day, Prime Minister Fidel Castro of Cuba accused the Central Intelligence Agency of complicity in the sabotage of the plane and said he would call off the 1973 antihijacking agreement as a result. The State Department denied any American involvement.

Officials here said today that Venezuela had also seized three other Cuban exiles in addition to the four detective-firm associates, including Mr. Ricardo Losano's employer, Luis Posada Carriles.

One of these three was Orlando Bosch, leader of the Commandos of the United Revolutionary Organizations, an anti-Castro umbrella organization of Cuban exile groups. The organization has maintained branches in Venezuela, Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic and Miami.

Officials Report Anti-Castro Exiles Have Plotted Many Terrorist Acts

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 19—Venezuelan and United States authorities reported today that a group of anti-Castro Cuban exiles had recently plotted a "vast" number of terrorist actions in the hemisphere, using connections with top-ranking Venezuelan Government figures to protect themselves.

They said seven Cuban exiles and seven Venezuelans were under arrest in Caracas and that 30 more Cuban exiles were being interrogated in the Venezuelan capital in connection with a bomb blast that destroyed a Cuban airliner Oct. 6.

In addition, authorities of both countries said in telephone interviews that the Cuban exile group was also responsible for plotting the bomb slaying Sept. 21 of Orlando Letelier, former Foreign Minister of Chile, in Washington, D.C.

Venezuelan and Cuban authorities also said two of the Cuban exiles under arrest in connection with the bomb plots had formerly worked for and been trained by the United States Central Intelligence Agency.

Once Worked for Secret Police

A Venezuelan official, who declined to be identified, said Luis Posada Carriles, a Cuban who was formerly operations chief of the Venezuelan secret police, had been given "technical training by the C.I.A."

Zenen Buergo, first secretary of the Cuban Mission to the United Nations, said today in an interview that the other exile, Hernan Ricardo Losano, who is under arrest in Trinidad, had been trained in the 1960's by the C.I.A. in bomb-making.

Mr. Ricardo Losano, an employee of a Caracas detective agency run by Mr. Posada, today told Trinidad's Assistant Police Chief, Dennis Ramdawar, that he had planted two bombs on a Cuban airliner that crashed Oct. 6 near Barbados, killing all 73 aboard, according to wire service dispatches from Port of Spain.

Venezuelan authorities said a police

raid on Mr. Posada's fortified residence in eastern Caracas last week had turned up "equipment and plans," including a map of Washington, D.C., related to the bomb attack on the Cuban airliner and to the slaying of Mr. Letelier.

The Venezuelan security police said the raid also turned up plans for terrorist actions by Cuban exiles in the United States, Venezuela, Trinidad, Barbados, Guyana, Panama and Colombia.

The Venezuelan police subsequently arrested Mr. Posada and Orlando Bosch, 49 years old, a Cuban exile and the reputed leader of the exile groups opposed to the Government of Prime Minister Fidel Castro.

Contact With Another Exile

Caracas authorities said today in telephone interviews that Mr. Bosch had arrived in Venezuela Sept. 23 from Nicaragua with a forged Costa Rican passport.

Mr. Bosch had been convicted of a bazooka attack on a Polish ship in Miami in 1968 and subsequently served four years of a 10-year term, after which he was paroled. Mr. Bosch then became a fugitive. He was barred from Venezuela a year ago, went to Chile for three months, was barred from Costa Rica in February and then spent some time in the Dominican Republic, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Venezuelan and American authorities reported that he was met at the Caracas airport last month by Mr. Posada and Orlando Garcia, another Cuban exile who had become a naturalized Venezuelan and was a special adviser on security affairs to President Carlos Andres Perez.

Venezuelan and American officials reported that Mr. Garcia once arranged a meeting between Mr. Bosch and President Perez. They said Mr. Garcia was among the 14 arrested Friday, along with Francisco Nunez, another Cuban exile who had been an officer in the Venezuelan secret police.