

5 Countries Weigh Trial of Cubans

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 20—Legal representatives of five Caribbean governments met in Port of Spain, Trinidad, today to determine where a group of Cuban exiles accused of causing a plane crash fatal to 73 persons should be tried.

The United States Government, which has laid jurisdictional claim to one of the suspects, Orlando Bosch, was not invited to participate, State Department officials reported.

Nor has Venezuela responded to a request for the return of Mr. Bosch, who is wanted here for a parole violation and is now in detention in Caracas with 13 others suspected of involvement in a series of terrorist actions in this country and elsewhere in the hemisphere.

Mr. Bosch, 49 years old, has said he is a leader of the Commandos of the United Revolutionary Organizations, an umbrella organization made up of five Cuban exile groups.

Linked to Letelier Slaying

He left the United States two years ago after serving part of a 1968 sentence for anti-Castro terrorist activities in Miami. He has since been reported by United States authorities to have turned up in Chile, Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic, Curacao and Venezuela.

Mr. Bosch and his fellow suspects in Caracas have been linked by Venezuelan authorities to a bomb plot carried out Oct. 6 against a Cuban airliner that crashed off Barbados, and to the bomb slaying Sept. 21 of Orlando Letelier, former Foreign Minister of Chile, in Washington.

Another Cuban exile, Hernán Ricardo Losano, has confessed to the authorities in Trinidad that he helped plant the bomb that brought down the Cuban airliner.

The five Caribbean governments discussing a venue for the prosecution of the Cuban exiles are Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela, Barbados, Guyana and Cuba.

A Trinidadian familiar with the negoti-

ations said in a telephone interview that Guyana was insisting that Barbados try the two suspects under arrest in Trinidad, arguing that the plane crashed nearest Barbados. Barbados has rejected this claim, arguing that the explosion took place over international waters.

Venezuela, which is represented in Port of Spain by the Acting Interior Minister, March Tullio Brunicelli, has vowed to bring the perpetrators of the airline crash to justice.

But Venezuelan officials said today that the case had become embarrassing to the Caracas Government because some of the Cuban exiles under arrest held high positions in the Government of President Carlos Andrés Pérez. These officials also said that President Pérez had maintained contact with the Chilean military leadership through the Cuban exiles.

Two of the exiles under arrest in Caracas were trained by the United States Central Intelligence Agency and used in actions against the Government of Prime Minister Fidel Castro after 1960, other Cuban exiles and Administration officials said today. The two are Mr. Bosch and Luis Posada Carriles, who was operations chief of the Venezuelan secret police until 1975.

2 Killed in Chemical Tank

CARTERET, N.J., Oct. 20 (UPI)—Two men found dead at the bottom of a chemical tank apparently asphyxiated accidentally, authorities said today. James Winesky, 24 years old and Steven Farrell, 19, both of Carteret, were found inside the 10,000-gallon tank Tuesday by a foreman making a routine check at the Amsco Division of the Union Oil Company. The police said the tank contained residue of toluene, a glue additive that creates a euphoric feeling when inhaled. The police theorized the men might have climbed into the tank to inhale the fumes.