

# **CUBAN IS SHOT AS SPY BY BAND OF PLOTTERS**

***Military Rescue Him After  
Group Condemns Suspected In-  
former at a Secret Trial.***

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HAVANA, Jan. 2.—Six men were arrested today as military authorities began a round-up of followers of Antonio Guiteras, who was Secretary of the Interior in the Grau San Martin régime, charged with holding a clandestine trial and attempted execution of one of their own adherents.

According to information obtained from military authorities tonight, José Luis Penabat, former Governor of Oriente Province during the Grau administration, was picked up several days ago, badly wounded, and was taken to a clinic. The following night a group armed with machine guns entered the hospital and removed Señor Penabat.

Last night military searchers located Señor Penabat in a house to which they had been directed. He was removed to Camp Columbia Military Hospital, where he is now recuperating.

The authorities say that, according to Señor Penabat's story, a large part of which they have verified, Dr. Guiteras invited him to a conference in Havana. Upon his arrival, members of the Guiteras group accused him of betraying plans of an impending revolution.

He was tried by a hastily summoned court, made up of members of the group, and condemned to death by a firing squad. Members of the "squad" led him to a deserted spot, fired three shots into his back and left him for dead.

Dr. José M. Irizarri, member of the council of five that ruled Cuba after the military coup of Sept. 4, 1933, was arrested tonight as an accomplice of Señor Guiteras, who is charged with presiding over the "court." Many other prominent revolutionists are also accused.

A group of unknown men today attacked a truck of Armour & Co., an American company, in Santa Clara and set fire to it with bottles of gasoline. The chauffeur and his helper were badly burned.