

# BENITEZ SEIZED IN CUBA

## Former Police Chief Held on Arrival From Miami

By Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

HAVANA, Nov. 22—The former chief of the national police, Manuel Benitez, was arrested as he stepped from a plane arriving here today from Miami.

Benitez left the island last June. He had been forced to resign after army chiefs had exposed his attempt to stage a coup d'état. He is accused of various crimes, including murder and misappropriation of Government funds.

It has not been announced whether he will be tried by military or civil courts, or both. He is said to contend that his resignation from the army is invalid.

The illness of his father, a Senator, was the reason for his return, he said.