

Cubans Refuse To Tell Source Of Arms Cache

MEXICO CITY —(UP)— Three Cubans arrested Saturday night charged with illegal possession of arms presumably intended for a revolution against Cuban President Fulgencio Batista, have refused to disclose where they got the weapons and what they were planning to do with them.

The arrested are Pedro Miret Prieto, Elio Leyva Fuentes and Teresa Casuso Marin.

Police staged raids on two houses in the swank Lomas de Chapultepec suburban district and confiscated 35,000 cartridges of several calibres, nine 30 60 rifles and 16 "star" pistols 38 calibre.

The arrested were questioned by the Federal Security Police. They said they had no connection whatsoever with former Cuban President Carlos Prío Socarras, who was mentioned in first reports as implicated in the alleg-

ed plot against the present Cuban government.

They also disclaimed any connection with Fidel Castro Ruz, who was arrested last June and later released in connection with another conspiracy here against the Cuban government.

The investigation is now in the hands of the office of the Attorney General of the Republic headed by Jose Aguilar y Maya. The matter was turned over to that office by the Bureau of Preliminary Investigations (Direccion de Averiguaciones Previas).

The Attorney General will have to decide within the next 48 hours whether the three arrested should be turned over to a Federal judge to be formally charged, or whether they should be freed.

Woman Close To Socarras
Unofficial sources said Teresa Casuso Marin is close to Prío Socarras.

When questioned by the police she said the arms were left in her house by "two Cuban friends".

"They told me what it was all about", she added, "and I was in agreement. If it has anything to do with fighting Batista I will always be in agreement. I am not going to say why my friends are. I am the only one to know that. I am not evading my responsibility".

Leyva Fuentes and Miret said they knew Teresa Casuso, but disclaimed any knowledge of the arms.

Manuel Rosas Miranda, head of the Preliminary Investigations Bureau, said one of the two houses where the arms were found was the living quarters of Pedro Miret Prieto. The other house was occupied by Teresa Casuso Marin, who claimed she is a newspaper woman.

Police sources said that Teresa Casuso was always close to former President Carlos Prío Socarras and pointed out that when he was President of Cuba she had a diplomatic post in Mexico.

Informants said that Prío Socarras is the head of the Central American Democratic Union, which allegedly replaced the Caribbean legion, for the purpose of inciting revolutions in Cuba, Guatemala and Nicaragua.

Other alleged heads of the Central American Democratic union are former Guatemalan President Juan Jose Arvalo and Nicaraguan Juan Jose Meza Amador.

This is the third conspiracy against the Cuban government uncovered here in the past few months. The first one in June of this year was foiled when Federal agents arrested a group of Cubans headed by Fidel Castro Ruz who were undergoing commando training in a ranch near Mexico City. Castro Ruz is the head of the revolutionary "July 26" group.

Sometime later three Cubans were arrested in Merida and some arms were also confiscated. It was stated at the time that they were members of the Orthodox party, headed by Raul Chibas.