

Prio Plotting Cuba Invasion In Miami Haven, Says Paper

Former Cuban President Carlos Prio is accused in a lurid story in a Havana newspaper of plotting from his Miami refuge to attack his homeland with a fleet of Canadian bombers.

Prio, living at the Vendome Hotel at Miami Beach, denied

the charge yesterday and declared the newspaper is a spokesman for gangsters with no influence in Cuba.

The attack on Prio and Dominican Republic Dictator Rafael Trujillo, who was accused of

helping to organize the invasion army, was carried in the newspaper, "Tiempo."

It is owned by Rolando Masferrer, chairman of the Armed Forces Committee of the Cuban Senate.

The story said authorities of the United States and Cuba expected an imminent invasion of Cuba from Dominican Republic bases. The descent on Cuba could come before Christmas, the paper predicted.

Prio Denies Meeting

Tiempo said plans for the invasion force were made by Prio and the foreign minister of the Dominican Republic during a se-

ries of meetings, the last of which was held Nov. 8 at the home of a Prio friend at Key Biscayne.

Prio denied that he knows the foreign minister of the Dominican Republic and said he has had no meetings with anyone for such a purpose.

The newspaper said Cuban exiles living in Miami and New York began to disappear from their usual haunts after Oct. 15, and that airline passenger lists showed they had gone to the Dominican Republic.

The "26th of July" clubs, which last week picketed the Cuban consular offices in Miami, were said to have recruited soldiers for the revolution here.

Tiempo said each recruit was given between \$100 and \$500, promised a commission in the Cuban army, given a pep talk and sent off to a camp in the Dominican Republic. There, the paper said, they were questioned by the secret police and, if approved, sent on to a military camp, "El Campito," five kilometers outside Ciudad Trujillo for training.

Refugees Enlisted

"This screening," the paper said, "led to the discovery of Bureau of Investigation credentials in the lining of one suitcase owned by Juan Morejon. He was tried by general court martial and shot by a firing squad on December 8.

"The same fate befell another

recruit, Cucho Delgado, who was accused of being an agent for Senator Rolando Masferrer."

The story said the recruits were given rigorous combat training and were taught the techniques of street fighting.

"The original members of the group, or Trujillistas," said the paper, "are segregated from the Prio group and from the Central American contingent. There is still another group of foreigners who do not speak Spanish.

"These are believed to be pilots. They are European — mostly Jewish — refugees who have been taken in by Trujillo. This latter contingent is surrounded by a wire fence such as is used in concentration camps and communicate even with their families."

Bombers Flown In

The story said 25 Mosquito bombers were bought by Trujillo in Canada and flown to the Dominican Republic for the invasion force.

The paper carried passenger lists from airlines, including those operating out of Miami, purporting to show a sudden migration of Cubans to Ciudad Trujillo.

Tiempo is a paper with little general circulation which is, however, read by officials of the government in Cuba.

Federal authorities in Miami disclaimed any knowledge of any of the statements published in the paper.



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