

17 ARRESTED IN CUBA IN ANTI-BATISTA PLOT

HAVANA, June 26 (AP)—Seventeen persons were arrested tonight on charges of complicity in a plot to assassinate President Fulgencio Batista and touch off a national uprising.

The group, including José (Peipillo) Sanchez, a Cuban bullfighter, was rounded up after the police discovered arms caches in several homes. The arrests followed the detention of twenty Cuban exiles in Mexico City on charges of having plotted the assassination of General Batista.

Brig. Rafael Salas Canizares, Cuban police head, said former President Carlos Prío Socarras was implicated in the plot. Dr. Prío Socarras is in exile in Miami, Fla. He issued a statement denying he was implicated with all groups seeking a change in Cuba.

The Mexican police said the roundup in Mexico City did not involve Dr. Prío, but that seized correspondence showed affiliated groups were working in Miami and Tampa, Fla., New York, Costa Rica, Panama, Guatemala and various Cuban cities.

The seventeen arrested here were turned over to an "urgency" court for a preliminary hearing tomorrow.