

ROUNDUP SEEN AS PRECAUTION

Two Dozen Foes Of Batista Are Jailed On Plot Charges

HAVANA (UP)—About two dozen of President Fulgencio Batista's most vigorous opponents are in jail today, awaiting trial on charges they plotted with agents of the Dominican Republic against the Cuban government.

The roundup of opposition "tough guys" appeared to be a precaution against trouble while Batista is in Florida this weekend on his first trip abroad since he seized power four years ago.

The president plans to fly Friday to Daytona Beach to begin a three-day stay. He is to be proclaimed an "adopted son" of the Florida city at a banquet Saturday night.

Mention of the Dominican Republic in charges against the prisoners is an outgrowth of friction between Batista and Dominican strong man Rafael L. Trujillo, each of whom say the other is plotting against him.

A foreign ministry spokesman

said early today Cuba is planning unspecified "new measures" in the Dominican dispute.

The other 20-odd prisoners are accused merely of seeking to overthrow the government with "foreign aid," but there is no doubt the Dominican Republic is the foreign nation meant.

All of the prisoners are supporters of ex-President Carlos Prío, overthrown by Batista in the revolution of March, 1952.