HAVANA, May 29 (AP) — The Batista government claimed today Cuban forces killed the leader of a recently landed rebel expeditionary force in northeast Cuba.

A communique listed Calixto Sanchez White, veteran pilot and chief of the Cuban Air Federation, among 16 rebels reported killed in the Holguin area.

There were two other clashes yesterday but the one in Holguin area was considered the heaviest action. Government casualties were not specified, but a mass burial of 11 soldiers was reported officially.

Sanchez was named as the man who led insurgents ashore on the northeast coast last Thursday from the Florida-based American yacht Corinthia.

CUBAN TROUBLE SPOTS—Havana (A) scene of underground blast. Batista forces clash with rebels in eastern mountains (B) near Manzanillo. (AP Wirephoto Map)

they were at Uvero, near Manzanillo, in the southeast, and at Cienfuegos, in the south-central area.

The communique said some government losses were suffered at Uvero but did not go into detail. Fidel Castro, leader of the main armed rebel movement against President Batista, is reported entrenched in this vicinity.

ONLY FRAYED NERVES
Havana meanwhile, emerged from an enforced power blackout with no more than frayed nerves.

A dynamite blast yesterday morning—blamed on rebel saboteurs—knocked out four generators at the main power station, causing a partial power disruption in the main part of the city.

Tension brought on by months of similar explosions and growing rebel activity appeared to have reached its peak last night. Government precautions were redoubled but the night passed quietly in Havana.

Power was restored gradually to a big part of the capital. But some major newspapers failed to publish for a second day.