

# Cuban Rebel Leader Slain

## Batista Forces Say Chief Among 16 Insurgents Slain

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.

### WAS CHARGED

Sanchez had been charged previously with complicity in the March 13 armed invasion of President Fulgencio Batista's Havana palace. About 40 men were killed in Havana during the palace invasion. Sanchez was expelled from Cuba after that vain effort to kill or kidnap the President.

A communique from Santiago, Cuba's second largest city, said 11 soldiers were buried at that eastern coast military center during the day. Unofficial reports indicated these were losses suffered by the government in another rebel clash at Ubero, in the same general eastern battle zone.

The government claimed the Corinthia expeditionary force numbered only 27 men and that five were captured soon after landing. But reliable unofficial quarters said more than 100 insurgents landed with heavy arms, machine guns and rifles with telescopic sights.

### ORGANIZED BL FOE

The government said two captured members of the expeditionary force had said it was organized by ex-President Carlos Prio Socarras, long listed by the government as its No. 1 foe in exile. Prio is living in Miami, Fla.

The government communique reported action on two other rebel fronts yesterday. Besides Holguin



**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 Ubero, near Manzanillo, in the southeast, and at Cienfuegos, in the south-central area.

The communique said some government losses were suffered at Ubero 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.