

Mexico Nabs Eight Cubans In Rebel Band

MEXICO CITY. (AP) — Federal immigration police said last night they had broken up an expedition of Cuban rebels planning to sail for Cuba and captured their leader.

The Interior Department announcement said the rebel group was to have left the port of Tuxpan late yesterday to try to overthrow Cuban President Batista.

Police identified the leader as Candido De La Torre, known as "El Viejo." He and seven others were captured here, at Tuxpan, and in the oil center of Poza Rica south of Tuxpan, police said.

The eight were quoted as saying the expedition was being financed by former Cuban President Carlos Prío Socarras, who now lives in Florida. The group was not connected with Fidel Castro, whose rebel band sailed from Mexico last December and is now fighting Batista's forces from mountains of Southeast Cuba, authorities added.