

THE WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness, with scattered thundershowers. High today, in mid-80s; low tonight, 70 to 74. Gentle to moderate mostly east winds.

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A DEMONSTRATOR, HIS FACE SHIELDED, IS SEARCHED
Police Arrested 50 Anti-Batista Marchers
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100 Anti-Batista Marchers In Clash With Miami Police

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Angered by recent killings of revolutionaries in Cuba, more than a hundred anti-Batista refugees and their friends clashed with Miami police today when they attempted to march on the Cuban consulate in the Pan American Bank Building.

Police with riot guns rounded up most of the demonstrators, who made no attempt to flee, but not until after a number of blows had been exchanged between police and shouting mob.

Assembling in front of the bust of Cuban patriot Jose Marti in Bayfront Park around 9 a.m., the demonstrators flashed signs saying:

"Down with Batista;"
"Stop the bloodshed;" and
"Cuba, the Hungary of America."

Wear Mourning Bands

Most of the men in the group wore black armbands of mourning. All the women were dressed in black.

Cesar Fonseca, one of the spokesmen for the group, said the demonstrators did not intend to march on the Cuban consulate, which is some five blocks from the bust of Marti, but that arrival of the police caused the demonstrators to make a dash for the consulate.

Half running, half marching, the demonstrators surged southward along Biscayne Boulevard.

Sgt. John Quinn said he tried to stand in front of the mob as it passed the McAllister Hotel but the demonstrators knocked him down and marched over him. Grabbing a black flag, Quinn hung on while the demonstrators dragged him around the corner.

Traffic Blocked

Lt. James Ford, arriving with reinforcements, struggled with the demonstrators as they

marched up Flagler Street, blocking traffic.

By the time the marchers reached the Pan American Bank Building, some eight or nine squad cars were there to intercept them.

Protesting later about police treatment of the demonstration, Fonseca said:

"All we wanted to do was let Americans know what's going on in Cuba. People here in Miami

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Some of the Cuban demonstrators wait to be booked at police headquarters. The woman crying at left is Mrs. Maria Fernandez, whose son was killed last Friday. Next to her holding a torn bit of flag is Mrs. Eva Gutierrez, whose husband was killed the same day. The man with black armband next to the women is Joaquin Ferrer, who lost two sons and a nephew in the Cuban fighting. — Miami News Photo by Toby Massey.

Anti-Batista Marchers Clash With Miami Police

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don't know of the killing and torture going on just a few miles to the south."

The prime objects of the demonstrators' sympathy were two women and a man who lost relatives last Friday in clashes with Batista troops in Havana.

Mrs. Maria Fernandez, whose son, Gonzalez, 20, was killed, carried one of the flags.

Mrs. Eva Gutierrez was mourning the loss of her husband, also killed in last Friday's fighting.

A multiple loss was suffered by

Joaquin Ferrer, one of the demonstrators, who lost two sons and a nephew in the Friday incident. One son, Joaquin, and the nephew, Hubert LeBlanc, were both veterans of the American army.

"Many of us lost relatives and friends in Haiti in what amounted to murder," said Alfredo Massip, who explained that his brother, Mario, was killed in rioting there.

Parra Rodolfo, another of the demonstrators, said that his nephew was hanged recently by Batista troops who captured him on the outskirts of Havana.

The demonstrators were herded into a small room outside the Identification Bureau at police headquarters while they waited their turn to be photographed and fingerprinted.

"Every one in the group will be charged with unlawful assembly," said Asst. Police Chief J. A. Youell.

"And those we can identify as having attacked police officers will receive additional charges. We're not going to put up with this business."

Never Resisted, He Says

R. B. Antelo, one of the demonstrators, bitterly assailed police for having taken American and Cuban flags carried by the crowd.

"We never did resist," said Antelo, "the police just started to grab us and tear the flags from our hands."

Other demonstrators complained of being hit by police without provocations.

"At least half of the people could have escaped," said Fonseca. "But we didn't try to. We simply stood there and waited to be arrested."

Wife Of Attorney

Mrs. Hilda Negretti, whose husband is a Miami attorney, was one of the demonstrators. She explained that she is a Cuban citizen although her husband is an American.

Fonseca said that the demonstrators didn't belong to any particular political faction except for the fact that they're all anti-Batista.

"There are a lot of people here (at the police station) who fought in the American army during World War II," said Fonseca.

Police booked an even 50 demonstrators, including 49 adults and one 16-year-old girl. They were allowed to post \$100 bond each pending trial June 6. Three of the demonstrators were to be questioned in connection with assaults on policemen.