Bombings, Sabotage Feared On 26th Of July

Cuban Day Of Terror Seen

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Young revolutionists planning the overthrow of Cuban strongman Fulgencio Batista from exile in Miami predicted today that Friday, the 26th of July, will be a day of uprisings, bombings and sabotage throughout Cuba.

"But it won't be the real thing," said Jose Aleman, the enormously wealthy young Miami who is key leader in the Directorio Revolucionario.

"The big effort to overthrow Batista will be a commando attack, formed in another country and landed at the right time. The forces of Fidel Castro, the AO Party and the Directorio Revolucionario will be combined in the attack.

Now Unified

"We are unified now and because of that unity the attack is being planned as a unit."

Alemán's predictions were supported by Eduardo García and Faure Chomon, both key anti-Batista leaders. Chomon has been in Miami since taking part in an attempt to storm the presidential palace in March.

The date, "26th of July," has produced a magic effect in Cuba. The anniversary of the first major attack led by Castro, the 26th of July is the name of Castro's organization. It has been assumed by many that Castro's major effort to unseat Batista will come on that day.

Warnings Issued

"It is true that there will be uprisings, bombings and sabotage throughout Cuba on that day," said Aleman. "We have already issued warnings on the Directorio's radio station for citizens of Cuba to stay indoors that day. But the real attack will come later. Naturally, no one can say when."

Aleman said the Cuban people have been prepared for the commando attack.

At this point Faure Chomon outlined the radioed instructions for all Cuban citizens in the event of a major attack.

"People should go to their homes, lock the doors and stay inside," said Chomon. "The men who wish to help should build barricades in the streets to tie up transportation and then notify revolutionary leaders that such barricades are ready to occupy."

Batista To Quit?

Aleman explained, however, that revolution leaders are still hoping Batista will relinquish control of Cuba without civil war. "We haven't given up on that yet," he said.

For the past two days circulars have been circulated in Cuba by Fidel Castro's forces which say:

"Wait for the night of the 100 bombs."

Aleman said the circulars are signed "26th of July," but there is no indication that Castro intends to explode 100 bombs on the 26th.

While Aleman, Chomon and Garcia talked, a dozen or more young Cuban exiles gathered outside Aleman's office in a Miami Beach hotel.

"We're waiting for a visit from Dr. Prio," explained Aleman. "It's just a friendly get-together."

Dr. Prio is Carlos Prio Socarras, former president of Cuba who was ousted from office by force when Batista seized control. Prio, except for a brief period when Batista made him welcome in Cuba, has made Miami his headquarters.

Recently the forces of Prio's Autentico Party, the Directorio and Castro were joined by a unity pledge following a mass meeting in Miami.