

27-MAN REBEL FORCE LANDS IN CUBA, 5 CAUGHT

HAVANA, May 25 (AP) — Troops searched rugged mountain terrain today for remnants of a 27-man rebel force that landed from a yacht in eastern Cuba.

With five of the insurgents reportedly captured, the government concentrated its hunt in the Sierra Cristal area where the remainder was believed hidden. The area has served as a refuge in the past for rebel forces hostile to President Fulgencio Batista's government.

The army said the rebels landed yesterday from the yacht *Corinthia* out of Miami under orders of exiled ex-President Carlos Prio Socarras.

Prio Denies Charge.

Prio said in Miami he had nothing to do with the landing and had never heard of the *Corinthia*. He charged the report was "another of those package deals" that Batista "puts out from time to time."

The army quoted captured rebels as saying they were not followers of Fidel Castro, rebel leader who landed from Mexico months ago and has been operating in the eastern Cuba's mountains around Sierra Maestra with a guerrilla force.

Castro was linked to an invasion of the presidential palace in Havana March 13 in an effort to capture or kill Batista. About 40 men were killed in Havana then.

Yesterday's landing was at Cabonico bay near Mayari on the north coast of Oriente province. Castro's guerrillas have been operating in that province for several months.

Headed by Airline Pilot.

Military authorities said the first two men captured wore orange arm bands bearing the letters O.A., initials of the Organization Autentico (Authentic Organization), Prio's party.

The captives were quoted as saying that, if captured, they were to say they were from Mexico, but that this was untrue.

Informants said the landing party was headed by Calixto Sanchez, an airline pilot who had been accused of participating in the attack on the presidential palace March 13. He was allowed to leave Cuba at the request of the secretary of the General Labor Confederation.

Cuban Exiles Demonstrate Before U.N. Building.

NEW YORK, May 25 (UP)—About 50 Cuban exiles began a demonstration before the United Nations building today. They said the movement will last indefinitely.

Rene Diaz, spokesman, said the demonstrators, members of the "26 of July Movement" headed by Cuban rebel Fidel Castro, will only be called off "when the United Nations Commission on Human Rights decides to take action to restore human rights in Cuba."