

# Security Agents Dig Into Cuban Rebels' Hideout

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Security agents and a federal grand jury dug into Cuban rebels' south Florida machinations Wednesday — including the fitting out of a revolutionary expedition in the Florida Keys.

The Department of Justice ordered a grand jury investigation. U.S. internal security agents came here to assist.

The action followed seizure Tuesday of 31 Cubans and a sea-going yacht they were loading at out-of-the-way Big Pine Key.

All the men face prosecution for violation of the Arms Export Law.

Customs and immigration agents said they found guns, ammunition, machetes, uniforms and medical supplies aboard the *Philomar III*, owned by Belarmino Fernandez of Tampa, when the officers broke up a cargo-loading operation they had watched for concealment.

## Knew of Preparations

W. B. Lankford, customs agent who directed the raid, said officers had known for several days that the group was preparing to sail for Cuba, presumably to re-inforce Fidel Castro's revolutionary army.

Lankford said several of the men told him they were political foes of Cuban President Fulgen-cio Batista and wanted to go to Cuba to fight Batista forces.

The expedition was termed the largest of its kind discovered since Batista took over Cuba's government in 1952 on deposing President Carlos Prio Socarras, who now lives in exile here.

The Cubans arrested at Big Pine Key made no resistance, although some wore sidearms. All were held in bond ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Five Cubans gave New York addresses; twenty-four said they lived in Miami; four gave no addresses.

The yacht, as well as seven automobiles from which the Cubans unloaded supplies, were impounded.