

Bomb Blasts Rock Havana During Night

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HAVANA, Cuba, April 10 (UP) —The rebels' general strike appeared today to have been stopped in its tracks.

Buses and street cars were operating and shops were open under the watchful eyes of Havana police and the army. The army's lethal reaction to Wednesday's initial outbreaks resulted in the killing of "more than 30" insurgents.

Scattered bomb blasts continued during the night, and rebel radios in broadcast victory claims warned that any attempt to operate public transportation would be met by more bombs and gunfire. But as Cuban workers streamed to their jobs this morning, with only a few cases of absenteeism reported, the threatened violence failed to materialize.

Both Claims Victory

A communique said the "more than 30" insurgents were killed in scattered "first stage" violence in and near the city Wednesday, in which both the government and rebels claimed victory.

A couple of rebel bombs rocked the blacked out city during the night, but there were no reported casualties or damage.

Another communique said that saboteurs burned a truck and a bus in the outskirts of Havana Wednesday night. It said police opened fire on the attackers and inflicted a "few casualties."

Aside from these incidents, this metropolis of 1,200,000 persons appeared normal at the start of the working day.

Police stations still were heavily guarded with sandbags and cars entering and leaving the city were being searched. Some sections of the city remained without power.

Some Stay Away

But, for the most, business seemed to be functioning without difficulty, although some early rising workers stayed from their jobs. These men apparently feared the threats from rebel leader Fidel Castro's forces that they would be shot down if they went to work, despite government claims Wednesday that the "revolutionary general strike" had been crushed and the insurgents routed.

Two powerful bombs exploded in suburban Vibora, where the Fifth Infantry Regiment has its headquarters. A third was set off in Regla, across Havana Bay, where the Sinclair and Shell oil refineries are located.

Havana Quiet

Havana was generally quiet during the night in the grip of tight security precautions.

Most establishments not directly affected by the outburst of violence continued to do "business as usual." Eusebio Mujal, secretary of the powerful CTC Union Federation, predicted there would be no general strike.

The government announced late Wednesday that the revolt had been crushed, and Batista told the United Press during the night he is confident that the army can "eliminate" the rebels throughout this island nation.

At 10:25 p.m., however, a rebel broadcast claimed the rebels had "dispersed" loyal troops in Cienfuegos and had "triumphantly" entered the provincial capital of Camaguey. It reported also that schools in Pinar del Rio Province had been forced to suspend classes.

Raids on Radio Stations

The only major military activity reported here Wednesday consisted of raids on radio stations and the La Marina Army in old Havana.

Prime Minister Gonzalo Guell said today Cuba planned to accredit U. S. newsmen and photographers to the government so they would be responsible to it if they deliberately misinterpreted Cuban events.

Guell made the announcement at an early morning meeting at his house as high government sources complained that "four or five" of the major U. S. newspapers were deliberately falsifying Cuban reports in order to give the "wrong impression" of the Cuban scene.

The government source said the Cuban government has lost faith in the ability and integrity of the U. S. reporters and now believes all of them are reporting on a Pro-Castro line. Fidel Castro is leader of the Cuban rebels.