

Life terms for Hudson Cubans

WASHINGTON (UPI)

— When the judge asked a Cuban exile if he had anything to say before being sentenced for two murders, he heard a 32-minute political harangue accusing the U.S. government of collaborating with Fidel Castro.

Guillermo Novo Sampol and Alvin Ross Diaz, both of Union City, were

each given two consecutive life sentences Friday for the 1976 murder of former Chilean Ambassador Orlando Letelier and Ronni Moffitt, wife of an aide, by bombing their car.

Letelier served as Chile's foreign minister under the the marxist regime of Salvador allende, but had

lived in exile in Washington after the present military junta took over in a 1973 coup.

Novo said Cuban exiles were made "scapegoats" as part of a 1976 U.S. agreement with castro to "destroy" the violence-prone Cuban Nationalist movement in this country, if cuba would refrain from exporting Com-

munist in Latin america.

U.S. District Judge Barrington Parker said he realized the defendants were fugitives from Cuban tyranny but added, "You have smuggled in a brand of errorism, fanaticism and hate hat has no place in this country."

Parker said he had never presided over a trial for a crime "as monstrous and as cold-blooded" as the radio-controlled bombing of Letelier's car on a Washington street on sept. 21, 1976.

He then pronounced the life sentences that require Novo and Ross to serve at least 30 years in prison and sentenced novo's brother, of Jersey City Ignacio to eight years for lying to a grand jury and failing to report the murders.

After U.S. marshals had led he defendants through a rear door one shouted, "Viva Cuba libre!" (Long live free Cuba!). that triggered a bedlam of screams and defiant shouts by several women spectators. most spoke only Spanish, but as U.S. marshals cleared the courtroom one woman shouted, "wake up America! Today we suffer; maybe tomorrow you will suffer from Communist governments!"