

# 3 Cubans to request lower bail

Those three North Hudson Cubans awaiting Manhattan court action on charges that they tried to blow up the site of a scheduled Pro-Castro rally today will request a reduction of the \$50,000 bail set on each of them.

Meanwhile, local Cubans say they will continue to seek ways to raise the money needed to free the trio after putting on a Latin concert last Sunday which saw the defense fund raise less than \$2,000. This, combined with the \$4,900 collected at an earlier rally, makes the bail effort far short of what's needed.

Cuban Nationalist members say that although only 10 per cent cash of the bail amount is needed, the remaining sum will have to be met by putting up collateral. This consideration is the hardest to meet, say Cubans, because not many are willing to put up their homes or businesses to guarantee the appearance of the three defendants.

Today's request for bail reduction is on the basis that the three men are without a country and could not flee anywhere without papers. The court will be asked to view the defendants' concern about leaving their families in North Hudson and to make their bail at least equal to that given to members of the Jewish Defense League recently arrested on a similar charge.

Charged with attempted arson and illegal possession of explosives are Armand Santana, 25, listed as living at 102 59th St., West New York; Alfredo Chumaciero, 22, reportedly gave his address as 324 24th St., Union City; and George Gomez, 28, booked as living at 317 29th St., Union City.