

# Shell Find In City Sparks Precautions At Cuban Pavilion

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Police are guarding the Cuban Pavilion at Expo 67 following the discovery of a "live" bazooka rocket near the site on Saturday and a tip that saboteurs are in Quebec to blow up the building.

The bazooka rocket was discovered early Saturday in the back yard of an east-end apartment building at 1185 Champlain St.

The shell, the same type as one which exploded at the Cuban Embassy in Ottawa last year, was not connected to a detonating device and could have exploded only on impact.

A police spokesman said yesterday that the shell was encased in a three-foot-long metal tube which "could have directed the rocket without the one firing it getting hurt."

"That is depending on where he stood when he fired it," the officer added.

The markings on the metal tube, "Washington No, Moscow No, Cuba Yes," were similar to those found on a cigar box bomb which injured one man when it was exploded near a local auction house last month.

The bomb went off on March 11, the last day of a sale of furniture which had been seized by the Castro Government seven years ago and sold to a group of Toronto businessmen for re-sale here.

The auction house had been subjected to threatening letters prior to the explosion.

Police said that a witness told them he saw two men drive up and deposit the suitcase which contained the bazooka shell found Saturday.

## Bomb Experts Sent To Scene

A constable sent to investigate the package sent back a report of his findings on his radio and bomb experts were called in.

The officer in charge of the Montreal police crime laboratory, Sgt. Bob Cote, arrived on the scene shortly afterwards with his colleague, Cst. Claude Prefontaine.

The pair gingerly removed the device from the suitcase and placed it into a bomb disposal unit.

The shell was taken to the police lab for examination by experts and for fingerprint tests.

Later Saturday, a general alert went out to all police in Quebec, warning them to be on the lookout for two men who had crossed the Canadian-United States border at Lacolle heading for Montreal and the Expo site with designs to blow up the Cuban pavilion.

Quebec Provincial Police were working on information supplied by their U.S. counterparts when they dispatched the warning.

One of the pair believed in Quebec is known to authorities as a Castro hater. The information relayed here said the pair had enough "material" in their car to blow up the Cuban Pavilion.

Cuban nationalists in the U.S. have made it known that they plan to sabotage the pavilion and claimed they were responsible for the series of bombings here.

sible for the placing of an explosive device at Fraser Bros. auction house in Montreal last month.

He also said "something else may happen" at Cuba's pavilion.

Rivero said Cuban art treasures confiscated by the Cuban Government were being sold at the Montreal auction house where an explosion injured one person.

U.S. authorities declined to say why travel restrictions were imposed on Rivero and his five companions.

Rivero claimed they had been under FBI surveillance.

His organization has claimed responsibility for a bazooka blast at the Cuban Embassy at Ottawa, a bomb explosion under a Cuban ship docked in Montreal harbor and other sabotage efforts.

The association was linked with a 1964 bazooka firing at the United Nations while Guevara spoke there.

## 215 Head Toward Expo

HAVANA (CPA)—A 215-member Cuban delegation sailed Saturday aboard a specially outfitted 10,000-ton freighter for the world's fair in Montreal.

Meanwhile, in Miami, Fla., six members of an anti-Communist Cuban exile organization that has claimed to have made explosives attacks in Canada and has indicated there could be another at Expo 67, were restricted to the Miami area by United States authorities.

The official Cuban delegation is expected to reach Montreal in a week. It will man the three-story Cuban pavilion and two annexes at the fair.

## Pavilion Valued At \$300,000

Havana values its pavilion at \$300,000.

It was reported previously that the delegation includes 60 security personnel.

Flag-waving Cubans gathered at the dockside for the departure of the freighter *Pino del Agua* which carried a big banner bearing a quotation from Ernesto (Che) Guevara, "Toward victory always."

Guevara, once a lieutenant of Premier Fidel Castro, disappeared from Cuba two years ago and there have been reports he is in Bolivia or Colombia.

HAVANA Radio, monitored in Miami, quoted Leon Mayrand, Canadian ambassador, as saying the Cuban exhibition will help strengthen friendship between the two countries.

Felipe Rivero, head of the militant Cuban Nationalist Association, was one of the men restricted to the Miami area.

## Auction House Here Was Target

He told reporters recently his organization was respon-