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CUBAN EXILES BOAST OF UN SHELL BLAST

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Cuba Exiles: More Violence

By HELEN DUDAR and WILLIAM H. RUDY

A Cuban exile group Saturday claimed credit for the bazooka shelling of UN headquarters and warned of renewed violence by "Black Front" terrorists if Premier Castro appears in New York.

The claim came from an exile in Miami, where part of the investigation is focused.

Shortly after the blast, while New York police were still trying to determine what caused the explosion, the exile told a reporter that a bazooka missile had been lobbed toward the UN.

"No, it wasn't a bomb. It's a bazooka," the exile spokesman said. An hour later, New York police discovered the bazooka.

The same man told the reporter that the shelling was the work of a new "Black Front" organization composed of exile activists prepared to pursue terrorist tactics in their fight against Premier Castro.

FBI agents have swarmed into the Miami area, and have begun to question some of the thousands of exiles who might be able to lead them to the men who fired the weapon.

Complicating their investigation was the presence of many hundreds of splinter exile organizations, many of them with leaders who frequently claim credit for actions in which they never participated.

A heavy police guard has been placed around the Cuba UN Mission at 6 E. 67th St., where Cuba's Ernesto (Che) Guevara is staying. The bazooka was timed to go off while the minister of industry was addressing the General Assembly.

Pickets paraded near the mission with signs threatening to "exterminate" Guevara. They

left during the night, but said they planned to return.

Exile groups here, while vociferous in their denunciations of Guevara and the Castro regime, disavowed any knowledge of the attempted UN shelling from across the East River.

In the effort to trace the weapon, the FBI was joined by the Central Intelligence Agency and the intelligence services of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

A bazooka-type rocket launcher, the four-foot-long weapon that fires a 3.5-inch rocket, was found on the Long Island City waterfront directly across the river from UN headquarters and about 900 yards distant.

It had been overpainted in black, obscuring any serial number or any other identifying marks that might have been on it. Police sent it to the Picatinny Arsenal at Dover, N. J., where Army Ordnance specialists will search for marks under the paint or on inside parts.

Then it will be returned to the Bomb Squad for closer inspection in the New York Police laboratory.

Detectives on the case have also taken plaster casts of footprints left in the marshy ground on the shoreline and picked up small bits of fabric and other materials around the area.

They were also rechecking to see whether any person working or living in the area

saw someone setting up the crude timing device that was attached to the undercarriage of the weapon. A Cuban flag also had been attached to the bazooka.

Mayor Wagner ordered a thorough investigation and assured Ambassador Stevenson that the city would do everything possible to discover who launched the attack.

Guevara, apparent target of the attack at 12:10 p.m., mde light of the incident.

But members of other UN delegations took a more serious view of the incident and several questioned the security measures taken by the city to prevent demonstrations.

Bomb squad members, too, were taking a grave view of the abortive attack, pointing out that the shell, now at the bottom of the East River, may have carried nearly two pounds of high explosive. Had it penetrated a window of the headquarters building, it almost certainly would have caused casualties, they said.

A Cuban exile who declined to give his name said the attack was planned by the Black Front, which he described as a branch of one of the established anti-Castro groups. He said the Black Front would try to prevent Castro from addressing the UN next month if he comes here as he has hinted.

"If Castro dares to appear before the UN, there will be unforeseen consequences," the exile said.

He called the bazooka explosion "a Christmas present to the enslaved Cuban people" and said it was directed against both Guevara and the UN, "which is considered an accomplice to the advance of communism in the world."

At the time the rocket was fired, some 50 persons were demonstrating on the landward side of the UN headquarters. One woman, in black slacks and a black leather jacket, broke from the group, dashed through a hedge and attempted to enter the UN building. Two patrolmen halted her in a scuffle and disarmed her of a hunting knife. They quoted her as saying she planned to use it on Guevara.

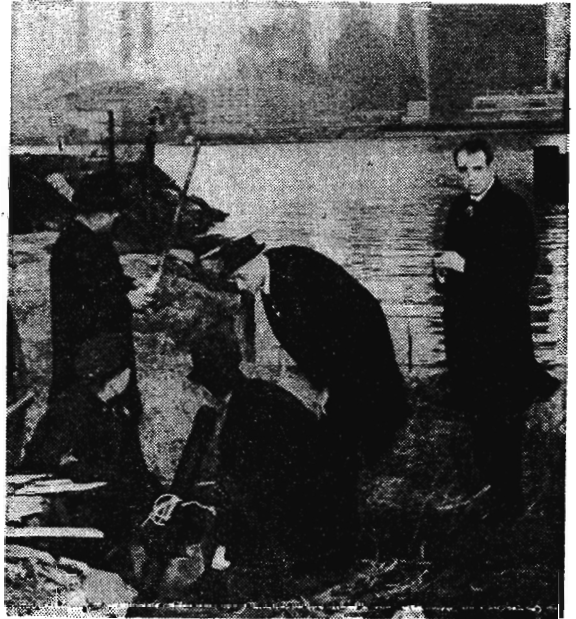
The woman, after first giving a false name, said she was Molly Gonzales, 24, of West New York, N. J. She was charged with felonious assault on a police officer and possession of a knife and was to be arraigned Saturday in Criminal Court.

Several hours later, three men penetrated the UN grounds and cut the rope on the pole flying the Soviet flag. The Soviet emblem fell to the ground but UN security police retrieved it and ran it up again.

The three, arrested for disorderly conduct, were Enrique Castro, 28, of 48-10 45th St., Woodside, Queens; Medara Rodriguez, 21, of 14 Fort George Av., and Carlos Vardes, 28, of 740 Gun Hill Rd., The Bronx.

Nikolai T. Fedorenko, the chief Russian delegate, was angry over the flag incident. He said he was thinking of making an official protest.

"We are among pirates," he said. "There is no protection. How can we work?"



Police and plainclothesmen inspect the bazooka-type rocket launcher used in an attempt to shell the UN headquarters from across the East River.

U. S. to Seek Bigger Guard for the VIPs

By DAVID MURRAY

State Dept. officials will ask increased protection for foreign dignitaries here because of the shelling of the UN.

Among the precautions to be asked will be police surveillance of the Queens side of the East River, from which the single bazooka shot was fired Friday.

"We will have to do a lot of rethinking in the light of this incident," an official in Washington told The New York Post Saturday. "If heavy weapons are going to be used against foreign visitors, we will have to ask the agencies charged with protecting those visitors to increase their security precautions."

The official said the shot fired from Long Island City had "changed the whole picture of protecting foreign visitors in New York." He added that the burden of added protection would be primarily on the New York police.

"We protect only heads of state and heads of government," the official said. "With others [such as Che Guevara of Cuba, the apparent target of yesterday's attack] it is up to the New York police to look out for him outside the confines of the UN."

Deputy Police Commissioner Arm, in charge of the New York Police Dept.'s community relations, said local forces gave "as much protection as we can. We

Anyone Can Buy A Bazooka

No license is needed here to buy a bazooka such as that used Friday to launch a rocket at the UN building. But the sale of ammunition for that kind of weapon is illegal, police said.

Army experts speculated that the rocket could have been stolen from a military installation. Bazookas and mortars, however, can be purchased at Army surplus stores.

try to take everything possible into account."

With a visitor like Guevara, the FBI and the State Dept. leave local protection to the New York police. They give information on extremists to local forces but have no jurisdiction aside from that, federal sources said.

The FBI does not concern itself with guarding foreign visitors aside from passing on information on potential assassins.

Arm said investigation would show whether added security precautions might be needed. He said added patrols had been put on at the UN to protect Guevara and that five cars of uniformed and plainclothes officers had accompanied the Cuban minister of industry wherever he went outside the UN.

At the UN itself, officials said it was up to the "appropriate" U. S. agencies to provide protection and that no additional measures would be taken. No protest was planned to the U. S. mission, although it was learned that UN security officers would talk with U. S. officials on future precautions when the investigations were completed.

The U. S., a spokesman for Adlai Stevenson said, regarded the fring as a "serious incident" but added that nothing would be done until local police had filed a report.

UN guards, to whom pistols were recently issued as general equipment, were at peak strength Friday because both the Security Council, where the Congo debate was being heard, and the General Assembly, where Guevara was speaking, were the focus of controversial speeches.

"I don't know what more we can do," said a security official. "We're stretched as tight as we can get now."

Exiles Jeer Che, Picket Mission

By KENNETH GROSS

There were about a dozen Cubans standing in the rain—exploding with frustration.

"I can feel him laughing at us," said one fierce youth Friday night. He glared at the closed curtains of the Cuban UN mission, 6 E. 67th St., where Maj. Ernesto (Che) Guevara, Cuban minister of industry, was spending the night.

"He is the most hated man in Cuba," said a leader of the demonstration. "He is a Communist, an Argentinian Communist, and he comes here to represent our country. You cannot understand how that galls us."

(A native of Argentina, Guevara was a revolutionary leftist in Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Panama and Costa Rica before joining Fidel Castro in 1953.)

Guevara was speaking to the UN General Assembly yesterday when a bazooka shell fired from Queens burst in the East River 300 yards offshore.

Most of the demonstrators were young. The women kept up a stream of expletives. The men paced restlessly behind the police barricades on the northeast corner of Fifth Av., and when the pressure mounted, shouted their rage.

"Death to Guevara," they chanted in Spanish. "Death to the assassin."

One woman shouted in English: "Che Guevara, drop dead." A neat man in a dark business suit and blue overcoat stood



Post Photo by Calvacca

Molly Gonzales 24, being booked at the E. 51st St. station after her arrest at the UN building.

apart from the shouting. He studied the building, the police guards and the situation.

"They aren't taking any chances," said George Lameran, local leader of the Cuban Student Directorate, noting the 10 mounted policemen and 50 patrolmen stationed at the corners and on nearby rooftops. "I don't blame them. If I could, I would kill Guevara."

"If you had a chance to kill Hitler, wouldn't you?" he asked. "This man is Hitler to us. I would not want to hurt innocent people, but he should die."