

# 'Terrorist' Bombing Tops Cuban Protest

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — A Castro bomb squad blew up an office in "Little Havana" Tuesday, exiles charged, as thousands of Cuban refugees walked off their jobs to protest the jailing of militant anti-Castro leader Felipe Rivero. (Picture, Page 1).

In addition, several hundred Cubans, mostly women dressed in black and carrying "Free Rivero" signs, staged a peaceful march in downtown Miami.

The "terrorist" blast at the headquarters of a Cuban group didn't hurt anyone — it went off before daylight — but the one-day strike affected a reported 1,000 businesses. It also cut into school attendance.

Strike leaders claimed 40,000 of the city's 100,000 exiles took part in the sympathy movement. Idle Cubans — in a holiday spirit — jammed the exile

colony in the heart of Miami during the hot day.

In the afternoon, the marchers strolled quietly to the John F. Kennedy Memorial Torch of Friendship.

Hundreds of others, preferring not to walk the three miles under the hot sun, rode alongside the marchers in cars adorned with Cuban flags.

A woman carrying a cross led the parade. Among placards carried by marchers was: "While Americans Die in Vietnam, America Protects Fidel." Another sign said, "Cubans Have a Right to Fight."

The parade, at the start of Miami's rush hour, tied up traffic for blocks. At one point, 12 buses were lined up waiting for clearance.

The dashing, 43-year-old Rivero was arrested May 12 after he threatened to blow up the Cuban pavilion at Expo 67, the Canadian fair. He has claimed to have had a hand in several anti-Castro expeditions and faces a deportation hearing next Monday.

A State Department spokesman said the strike would have no effect on the U. S. case against Rivero, now hospitalized on the eighth day of a hunger strike.

"The situation will follow due process of law and today's events will not affect anything," the spokesman said. "His case will come up as scheduled."

Police said FBI agents searched the bombed out office of the Cuban Exile Representation (RECE) and studied the explosive, six sticks of dynamite and a timing device. Witnesses told of seeing four men, believed Cuban, fleeing the building shortly before the blast.

RECE leaders claimed the bombing was the work of "Castroist terrorism" in an effort to split anti-Castro elements in the exile colony.