

Bomb Auction House Selling Cuban Wares

MONTREAL, March 11 (AP)—A man was injured today when a bomb exploded at the rear of a Montreal auction house where furniture bought from Cuba was to be sold.

He was hospitalized after being hit by flying particles, but was not seriously injured.

A Cuban exile spokesman in Miami and an unidentified man in New York both said an anti-Castro group had set the bomb because the auction house was selling furniture bought from the Cuban government.

Felipe Rivero, coordinator of the Cuban Nationalist Movement, said the bombing was the work of the group's Canadian branch. Cubans in Miami have complained bitterly that belongings of exiles are confiscated by the Castro government and auctioned in Canada.

"We want to terrorize them," said an unidentified man who telephoned the Associated Press in New York, saying he was an anti-Castro Cuban.

"We try to be humane, and place it outside the auction," he said. "We don't want anyone inside to get hurt.

"But next time we may place the bomb inside and blow the sell out of them."

Ian Fraser, manager of the auction house, Fraser Bros. Ltd., said he had received threatening calls and postcards from persons reproaching him for selling furniture bought from Cuba.

Police said a 40-year-old furniture maker, identified only as D. Boudreau, was hurled several feet after he and other employees went to investigate a strange package in the courtyard of the auction house. He was taken to a hospital, but reported in good condition.

The bomb went off as Fraser's firm was about to begin its third day of selling furniture bought by Canadian businessmen from the Cuban government.

The anonymous caller in New York said the bomb was made of plastic explosives placed inside a cigar box.