

Armed Castro Foes

Wait Word in Hills



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Four of Fidel Castro's army officers and 100 of their men have stolen guns and gone to the hills to form a fighting counter revolutionary movement, a former Castro aide claimed Tuesday.

They call themselves the Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperación Revolucionaria de Cuba (MIRR)—Cuba's Insurreccional Movement of Revolutionary Recovery.

Capt. Quino Membribe is in command of this group that claims to have 30 more officers and 300 men in Castro's army waiting for word to join them in the mountains of Las Villas Province.

Dr. Orlando Bosch Avila, former chief of the 26th of July Movement in Las Villas, has been named MIRR delegate in exile. He is in Miami seeking aid from "good Cubans and North Americans and issuing a call for rebel army officers and men to desert."

To back up his claims, he produced photographs of Capt. Membribe and some of the officers and men under his command in the mountains of Las Villas province. The men appeared to be well armed.

"The Castro officers who are waiting to defect will bring between 1,000 and 2,000 men to the hills with them," Dr. Bosch said. "They will bring arms and we have other sources of supply."

"Castro knows that our men are in the Sierra de Escambray waiting. It won't be long before we strike. The farmers in Las Villas Province are co-operating with us."

"We know that thousands of young civilians will join our fight against Castro and Communism. Castro has lost all but about one-third of his support now. Only about five



Soldiers of Counter-Revolutionary Army
...have machineguns, bullets in the hills

per cent of the professional people still support him."

The 33-year-old MIRR delegate, a medical man who studied in the United States, says his organization has made no contact with other counter revolutionary groups.

He said the MIRR would welcome other groups as long as they have not been accused of criminal acts. The MIRR plans to hold elections within 18 months after the fall of Castro.

"We will have a provisional government of young men," Dr. Bosch said, "but all former political leaders who have not committed crimes will be able to resume their political activities."

Bosch says the MIRR is "the

strongest movement in Cuba and the only one that has armed men in the mountains ready to fight."

The MIRR has no single leader. It has a board of directors and a national coordi-

nator in Cuba. Dr. Bosch said that his group has not received any military aid from other counter revolutionary movements.

There are four points in the MIRR's program to defeat Castro: 1. Defection of army officers and men. 2. Sabotage throughout the island. 3. Isolation of Cuba by all the countries of the Americas. 4. Intense propaganda abroad.

"Our strength lies in the fact that we have more than 30 officers in Castro's army on our side," Dr. Bosch said. "Each of these officers have 80 to 100 men under him."

"The enlisted men do not know that the officers are conspiring, but when the moment comes to tell them — these men will follow their leaders."

The MIRR program calls for the elimination of Communism from Cuba, revision of revolutionary laws, a legal and just agrarian reform, rebuilding tourism, abolishment of the death penalty, general political amnesty and a revision of international policy.

They would protect private and foreign capital, but try to nationalize foreign industries without violating treaties and agreements.

The militia and youth patrols would be abolished, a free press would be established, intervened properties and businesses would be returned to rightful owners, they would hold free elections and establish peace, order and justice in the land.

"Officers and soldiers of the rebel army," begins the MIRR call to arms, "don't carry the criminal responsibility of maintaining the traitors in power."

"Desert and join your brave companion Quino Membribe and his army of liberation in the Escambray mountains."



BOSCH



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En los años 1959 a 1960, una vez comprobada la traición castrista y bajo las siglas del Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperación Revolucionaria (MIRR), los hombres que de buena fe e inspirados en los mejores propósitos e ideales, habían hecho la revolución frente al régimen del dictador Batista, se lanzaron a los riscos y montañas del Escambray a combatir al régimen comunista y traidor de Fidel Castro. El Dr. Bosch fue enviado entonces al exilio como delegado General de aquel movimiento armado. Lea en este grabado bajo el título de "Armed Castro Foes Wait Word in Hills", la historia de aquel gallardo y valiente comenzar de la lucha de un pueblo en rebelión frente a los asesinos y traidores que pretendían, desde entonces, vender sus destinos patrios a los rojos moscovitas.



El doctor Orlando Bosch entregando las primeras armas a los combatientes del Escambray. Obsérvese que el trípode de la ametralladora calibre 30 que sostiene entre sus manos, es la misma que dos días más tarde, emplazaban para el combate, los primeros soldados anticomunistas en las montañas villareñas, como se podrá observar en el grabado de arriba, titulado "Armed Castro Foes Wait Word in Hills".