

4 Cubans Start Hunger Strike

The four anti-Castro Cubans, held in Orange County jail on federal charges of conspiring to illegally export munitions, began their threatened hunger strike Sunday night, according to reliable sources.

The sheriff's office would not confirm the report.

TWO MEMBERS of a Central Florida Cuban group, John Zalvidar and Armando Weiss, told The Sentinel Sunday that Dr. Orlando Bosch, leader of the Revolutionary Recovery Insurrectional Movement, had said he and his three fellow Cuban prisoners would begin their strike Sunday night. They said, "They had their last meal (in jail)" at noon.

Zalvidar and Weiss said a thousand Cuban families in Central Florida have pledged support, moral and material to the four prisoners. A letter to the four was quoted as saying, "We are with you, applaud your conduct and support it."