

GOES ON TRIAL IN CUBA FOR UNIVERSITY BLAST

Son of Rebel Leader Will Be Defended on Ground That No Sign of Bomb Was Found.

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HAVANA, Aug. 26.—Antonio Mendieta, a young nephew of Colonel Carlos Mendieta, a rebel chief in the August (1931) uprising, who is in the Isle of Pines Penitentiary, went on trial today before the Audiencia Court, accused of planting an explosive which damaged a laboratory of Lasalle College last Nov. 11.

He is being tried before a civil court because of the Supreme Court decision on May 14 in his case, declaring unconstitutional the law enacted by Congress last February subjecting civilians charged with violations of the explosives law to military jurisdiction.

Dr. Enrique Roig, defense counsel, is basing his defense on the fact that no evidence of a bomb was found and asserts the explosion was caused by stored chemicals. The Judge Advocate is expected to ask the death penalty. Eduardo Chibas, a prominent engineer, and Prio Socarras were found not guilty in a court-martial decision made public today. They were charged with bombing a street car. The authorities announced that they would now be tried on other terroristic charges.
