

DETENTION OF NAZIS AUTHORIZED BY CUBA

Enforcement Is Said to Hinge on Proof of Subversive Acts

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HAVANA, Jan. 3—A decree ordering the detention and internment of 4,084 German residents of Cuba and the taking over of their property by the custodian of enemy alien property, was signed by the Minister of the Interior today, according to information from that department.

Recently decrees were issued declaring some 700 Japanese and 1,300 Italians "enemies of the republic" and ordering their detention and internment.

However, these decrees so far have not been enforced. A number of Italians have been detained on specific charges and numerous Japanese have been picked up by the authorities but the courts have acquitted nearly all of them. So far as can be learned no Japanese or Italians have been interned.

President Fulgencio Batista signed a decree last month designating the Torrens Farm outside Havana as a concentration camp but no accommodations are yet ready for aliens.

While these decrees constitute a blanket authorization to the authorities for the detention of enemy aliens, members of the government have explained that no one will be placed in a concentration camp unless he is proved to have engaged in activity against the nation.

Enemy aliens are ordered to present to the office of the custodian a detailed, sworn statement showing their properties, and all their commercial business operations will be subject to supervision. However, according to the Presidential decree, these properties will not be taken over unless the aliens are interned or imprisoned for subversive activities.