

# SPY EXECUTED IN CUBA

## Luning, Convicted German, Faces Firing Squad at Havana

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HAVANA, Cuba, Nov. 10—Heinz August Luning, the first German spy to be executed in Cuba, was shot at 8 o'clock this morning by an army firing squad in the Principe Fortress jail. A last-minute appeal to President Fulgencia Batista by Dr. Armando Rabell, the defending attorney, failed to bring a reprieve.

The execution took place at the deep moat surrounding the ancient fortress, situated on a hill overlooking the city in the Vedado residential district. A limited number of local reporters and foreign correspondents were permitted by the Ministry of Defense to witness the execution from the top of the moat, despite a court order barring all except government and army officials. Accompanied by a priest, Luning faced the firing squad with his eyes unbandaged.

Luning, a native of Germany, who entered Cuba on a false Honduran passport in September, 1940, was convicted of espionage by the Urgency Court and condemned to death on Sept. 19.