

German Sentenced to Die In Cuba as Spy for Berlin

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HAVANA, Sept. 19—Heinz August Luning, a 31-year-old German, was condemned to die before a firing squad by the Urgency Court this morning. He was tried yesterday and convicted of espionage in a unanimous decision by five judges.

The sentence said Luning had furnished information on shipping in Cuban ports, the construction of military and air bases and other vital data to the German Government. The case now goes to the Supreme Court for review. If the sentence is confirmed and President Fugencio Batista signs it it is expected that Luning will be executed early in October.

The execution, if carried out, will be the first in Cuba since 1935.