Landing Reports Denied: Special Mass Prohibited

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Cuban military men in Oriente today denied insistent reports in Havana that new rebel landings had been made over the eastern coast of that province, or that there has been any resumption of revolutionary activity in that strife-torn area.

The official denial coincided with action taken by police in Havana prohibiting the holding of a mass dedicated to the Cuban civil and military dead of last Wednesday's suicide raid on the Presidential Palace. The mass, at the National Cathedral on Saturday, had been planned by around a hundred women affiliated with the social, political and religious organizations. President Batista, meanwhile, told visiting American newsmen that he was the author of the plan for the defense of the palace which, he said, precluded the possibility of his going out of the city that of last Wednesday. The President, however, did not make any reference to the fact that 21 of the 22 members of the 21-man "suicide squad" assigned to the task of entering the palace achieved their purpose of killing the President and the front door of his private dispatch on the second floor.

The women failed their principal assignment, that of assassinating the President who was on an errand of state, defending his family in their apartment.

The army denial of new landings was issued by a British reporter from the provincial commander, Major General Martin Díaz Ta- ma. The latter's statement was discounted by United Press. He said his headquarters in Santiago had "heard no such reports" and that rumors circulating in Havana had the new rebel reinforcements led by José Alcain, Jr., son of the late minister of education, under his Hessain cabinet of 21 ministers.

The time, which is published by Senator Rolando Mestizada, chairman of the Senate's armed forces committee, said Wednesday's attack on the palace had been "a planned act of terror" committed by a group of men with no political activity in it. The only group that claimed responsibility for the attack was the orthodox party which had claimed to be the only one that had been "advantaged" by the attack. She claimed that it was known that an 80-man rebel force is in Mexico waiting to push off for Cuba and that it has at least one other expedition, probably based in Costa Rica, is also alerted.

Havana-Cojimar Bus-Route Sought

The board of directors of the Asociación Residencial Loma de Cojimar agreed this week to recommend a bus service between Havana and Cojimar along route 71. Havana-Cojimar bus service has been authorized.

Decision to request the service was taken after it was learned that the Hershey trolley-train service between Havana and Cojimar will be discontinued in the near future. The Hershey service has been operating for years.

Improved bus service to Guanahacito and Regla will also be requested.

Reps. Cannon Guns

Offense Test-Drilling

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Magsaysay's Death Is Mourned In Manila

WASHINGTON, March 19. (UP) — American officials were shocked and griefed by the death of President Magsaysay, who was regarded as a outstanding leader, not only of the Philippines but of the free world.

Magsaysay was respected as one of the most important and younger leaders of Asia who was bringing his country rapidly forward along lines of modern progress so wildly needed in that part of the world.

Magsaysay was adored and respected here for many qualities but particularly his rare blend of courage and compassion, zeal, energy and discernment. Thus encouraged, he fought communism as an essentially evil policy because it ignored human freedom elements, but on the other hand he worked zealously with compassion for the poor and unprivileged people who often turned to communism in desperation.

His landing of the Filik situation was widely admired here as an example of this combination of qualities which was well known in the Philippines and throughout the world.

MANILA, March 19. (UP) — The only known survivor of the Magsaysay said today that the mysterious explosion in Magsaysay's car could have been an accident-caused by an impact-like jolt. The plane had left the airport at 1:15 a.m. yesterday.

Magsaysay was buried on the same day in his own village church.

The site of the crash is only 12 miles from Caloocan.

The army reported that an explosion in Magsaysay's car early Monday morning was a result of a car bomb explosion, while the president's wife, Lucienna, had said that the explosion was caused by a bomb placed in the car.

Czechos To Get Oil Refinery In Syria

DAMASCUS, March 19. (UP) — The Syrian government announced today that it had signed a contract with the Czechoslovakian government for the development of an oil refinery in Syria.

According to the agreement, which was signed by the Syrian minister of oil and energy, Muhammad Kallab, and the Czechoslovakian minister of oil, Vaclav Hradecky, the oil refinery will be built on a site located near the southern city of Homs.

The construction of the refinery is expected to begin in 1964 and to be completed in 1965.

Little Theatre Group To Visit New Delhi

The Executive Committee of the Little Theatre will take a group of actors and actresses to India later this week to perform a series of plays in New Delhi.

Treasurer Arthur Littlejohn said he had received a financial reward for the group's performance, which would be considered to have raised the production to a new level.

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