Castro Forces Coached In Guerrilla War Tactics By Spanish Civil War Aide

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Guerrilla war tactics being employed by rebel troops in the Sierra Maestra mountains are those first employed in the Spanish civil war, and the Cuban revolutionaries are being coached in their use, a high police official told United Press today.

The officer who asked anonymity said that precise instructions at to how his campaign should be conducted have been outlined to Fidel Castro, leader of the 26th of July insurrectional movement, by Alberto Bayo, a former colonel in the Spanish Loyalist forces.

Bayo, a resident of Mexico City, is currently in New York City. The police officer said that one of two couriers he sent into Cuba to contact Castro had been intercepted by Cuban authorities and his written suggestions seized.

The police official said that Bayo made the following principal points to Castro: (A) Never use more than a dozen men in any attack; (B) Hit hard and run—never present battle; (C) Never personally lead an attack—you have done enough already; (D) Transmit all orders by phonograms, and (E) "should you cause triumph, do not make the mistake of leading your forces in a victory parade in Havana—remember Sandino."

A request to comment on reports published abroad that rebel elements have "repeatedly threatened" the life of U.S. Ambassador Arthur Gardner, the police official disclosed that the American diplomat has been receiving special police protection since March. In that month, he recalled, Federal Bureau of Investigation agents in Havana received unconfirmed reports that the ambassador was to be kidnapped, and the information was relayed to Cuban authorities for their information and action.

Since then a prow car has been posted to the Ambassador in his absence about the city, and the family at his residence reinforced, the officer said. The reported report against the American envoy was the second as many police officers described.

In 1955, he reported, Cuban intelligence agents relayed to embassy officers a report intercepted in Miami detailing an alleged plot to "seize" the embassy in Havana, seal off its fifth floor (where principal offices are located) and hold the ambassador and his counsellors "to force intervention by United States authorities" in the political situation of Cuba.

The Cuban police official said that neither report was regarded too seriously but that the necessary precautions were taken. He described these threats as indicative of an anti-American attitude by revolutionary elements and pointed out that two American subsidiaries in Cuba, the electric and telephone companies, have long been targets of terrorist activities in Havana.

Cuban intelligence agents are closely watching rebel movements both in Cuba and abroad, the police official disclosed.

He disclosed, for example, that local authorities have since learned that the yacht "Corinthia," captured two weeks ago when it was abandoned by some expatriates in Nipe Bay, Oriente, sailed from a North River Drive anchorage in Miami. Employees of the two fish markets flanking the yacht's anchorage, many of them Cuban rebel sympathizers, aided in its secret departure, he said.

The is no action that ex-President Carlos Prio Socarras takes in his Miami exile that is not observed and reported to Cuba, he said.

Asked how it was possible the three American youths who ran away from their Guantánamo naval base homes reached the Castro forces in safety, he said that a hotel registry in Manzanillo disclosed the trio had spent two night there under the guise of "miners," before proceeding to join Castro agents nearby who guided them to the rebel hideout.

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