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# U.S. Agents Nab Trio, Arms for Castro Foes

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Three men loading \$4,500 worth of arms aboard a plane for an aerial drop to anti-Castro forces in Cuba were arrested Thursday at a flare lit airstrip on Key Largo.

As U. S. Border Patrol and Monroe County deputy sheriffs watched, two men who had arrived at the field by auto set out marker flares for a single engine Piper Comanche which touched down on the little used Ocean Reef airstrip about 2:30 a.m.

The agents moved in as the pilot joined his companions in loading two large newspaper wrapped packages aboard the plane.

Arrested were Manuel Calixto Rojas Diaz, pilot of the plane and a Cuban, and two American citizens, Robert O. Fuller and Antonio Zarba. All three are in their 20's, but none gave a local address.

Fuller was described as the son of a wealthy sugar manufacturer with holdings in Cuba whose wife still resides in Havana.

Rojas was freed under \$2,500 bond and Fuller and Zarba on \$1,500 bonds late Thursday when they appeared before U.S. Commissioner Roger Davis, who ordered them held for possible grand jury action.

Border Patrol agents said the packages, with parachutes attached, included 25 paratrooper-type carbines, 15 Springfield rifles and 2,000 rounds of ammunition.

"There is no doubt this was an attempt to drop arms to the anti-Castro forces hiding in the Cuban hills," said Chief Customs Agent Joe Fortier. "The men would not say, however, where the drop was to be made."

Ray Bond, senior inspector for the Border Patrol's Homestead unit, said his office was "tipped off by a resident near the airstrip who reported 'something suspicious is going on.'"

The resident apparently noticed the men looking over the airstrip to see whether it offered enough seclusion for their pre-dawn operation, Bond added.

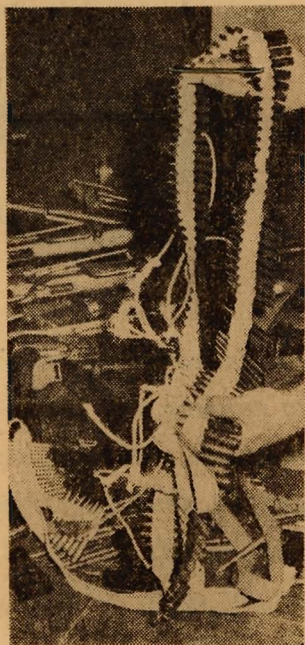
Shortly after midnight Wednesday, agents said, one man appeared at the field, set out flares, and then extinguished them after an airplane circled the field without landing.

"Around 1 a.m., the same man returned with a companion and after re-setting the flares "made an inspection of the field, either looking for pot-holes or to see if anyone was watching them," Bond said.



—Herald Staff Photos by Lewis McLain

**Arms Smuggling Suspects Cover Up**  
... shield faces from photographers



**Part of Airlift**  
... belted ammo, weapons

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# Del Pino Case Stumps the Jurists

Rafael Del Pino's fate hinged Monday on a puzzling question of international law.

Cuban national police reported that Del Pino, who was seriously injured in an abortive plot to smuggle anti-Castro forces out of Cuba, faces a charge of high treason and possibly a firing squad.

But in Washington the question was posed as to how Del Pino, a naturalized American citizen born in Cuba, could be charged with treason in a foreign country?

U.S. State Department officials declined official comment. It was pointed out that an investigation will have to be made to determine whether Del Pino had forfeited his American citizenship by swearing allegiance to another government or had fought with a foreign military group.

It also was noted that if the Castro regime recognizes dual citizenship, Del Pino could be considered a Cuban citizen, as



—Associated Press Wirephoto

Rafael Del Pino

... quizzed by Castro

well as an American, and thus liable for a treason charge.

There further was the possibility that the Cuban gov-

ernment might solve the dilemma by charging him with espionage rather than treason.

In Havana, a National Police spokesman claimed that Del Pino will be charged as a counter-revolutionary under a new Cuban law. He refused to elaborate, however.

At the military hospital where Del Pino is being treated, he received an unexpected visit Monday from Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

Castro was reported to have questioned Del Pino for almost two hours while accompanied by Efigenio Ameigeiras, chief of the Cuban National Police.

Once close comrades, Del Pino broke with Castro in 1956 after the bearded rebel leader accused him of tipping Mexican authorities to a Castro plan to send an expedition to Cuba.

Castro refused to comment

on the visit after he left the hospital. And newsmen were barred from the section of the hospital where Del Pino is confined under heavy guard.

Del Pino, 32, was burned and wounded last Saturday when police ambushed his light plane as it landed on a highway outside of Havana.

He was reported Monday in fair condition.

Cuban authorities maintain

Del Pino is a member of the anti-Castro White Rose organization. But his wife said in Miami that her husband belongs to the Anti-Communist Movement of the Americas, formed after Del Pino's break with Castro.

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## Castro Hints He'll Go To OAS Council Parley

HAVANA, Cuba —(UPI)— Fidel Castro, bearing a "mandate" from a half-million cheering supporters, Monday announced he may personally

normal after wild pro-Castro demonstrations Sunday which were climaxed by his announced decision to resume the office of prime minister under popular mandate.

a schoolhouse at Santiago de Cuba.

Although Castro is prime minister and chief of government, he said that "if necessary" he personally will at-

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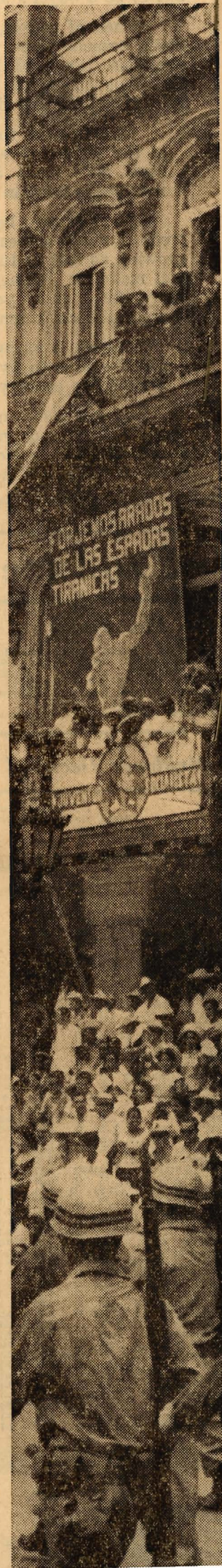
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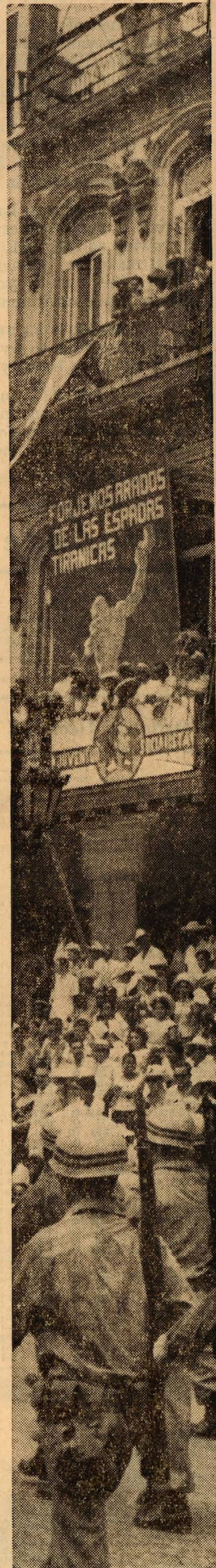
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**SOCIALIST YOUTH HQ**  
As Thousands Cheer

U.S. Probable Target

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# Castro Aide Hits At 'Foreigners'

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HAVANA — (AP) — Maj. Ernesto Guevara, a leftwing aide of Prime Minister Fidel Castro, is charging that foreign influences are trying to prevent success of the Cuban revolution.

He has made the accusation in speeches on two successive nights.

Though Americans appeared to be his target, the U.S. was not mentioned directly in newspaper accounts of the talks.

The Argentine-born major, a field leader in the revolution, now commands La Cabana, a Havana military fortress.

In a speech Friday night closing an industrial exposition Guevara said Cuban enemies of the revolution are not dangerous because they are known.

But representatives of non-Cuban capital are dangerous, he declared, and oppose Cuban industrialization and land reform programs.

Americans, the chief foreign investors, have a stake of around a billion dollars in Cuba.

Guevara professed to see

parallels between Cuba and Guatemala, where the Red-influenced regime of Col. Jacobo Arbenz Guzman was overthrown by an invasion in 1954.

He declared the Arbenz government was moderate. A "defamatory campaign" was carried out, the government was accused of being Communist and then was toppled by an invasion financed with foreign money, he said.

"It had made a distribution of land and agrarian reform less important than the Cuban revolution has made," he said.

"The Cuban people should be alert against a similar maneuver and of the same origin."

In a speech at Havana University Saturday night Guevara attacked what he called malicious campaigns abroad.

He emphasized that agrarian reform is a key point of Cuba's revolutionary program.

# Cuba Nabs Haitian Insurgents

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Cuba  
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SANTIAGO, Cuba —(UPI)—  
The Cuban coast guard thwarted an attempt by a 30-man expeditionary force to invade Haiti from a port near here, it was learned Sunday.

Cuban authorities detained the armed party at dawn Friday as it was putting to sea in a 20-foot boat from the port of Sigua, 12 miles from here.

The expedition was headed by Haitians Fritz Theabund and ex-mechanic Max Munro, and included two other Haitians and 26 Cuban volunteers.

The expedition carried automatic weapons and 140 thousand rounds of ammunition. Theabaud and Munro were released after Cuban Commandant Manuel Pineiro reportedly lectured them on abusing the hospitality of Cuba.

A high Cuban army officer disclosed Saturday that a training camp for Nicaraguan revolutionaries and their Cuban supporters was broken up in Pinar del Rio, Cuba's westernmost province.

Pineiro said expeditions organized by political refugees given asylum by Cuba could create problems for Cuba.

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## 7 Cuban Refugees Quizzed In Key West

The Associated Press

KEY WEST, April 20 — Seven refugees from the Cuban revolutionary government, including two

women, were questioned by U.S. immigration authorities today after fleeing Cuba on the 29-foot yacht El Soto.

The Cubans, four of them members of the army of the fallen dictator, Fulgencio Batista, arrived at the navy base here yesterday and asked for asylum. They were taken to Miami for questioning.

The refugees were Lt. Francisco Jubenal, Lt. Jose Ipolito Bacalho, Sgt. Iranardo Padron, Sgt. Vidal Sajarado, Jose Padron, Hidelina Perez Cantero and Carmen Suarez Gonzales.

'Victim' Already Condemned

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# Plot Bared to Kidnap Batista's Executioner

## Two Pilots Arrested In Scheme

Masferrer Target  
Of Conspiracy

*Intrigue List Swells . . . 13C*

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The pilots were to be paid \$35,000 and given certain gambling concessions, police said. The Miami Springs policemen said they had been told they would get \$3,000 each to come along as "window dressing" in the scheme.

A Miami police department intelligence unit, headed by Sgt. Charles Sapp, broke the case with pre-dawn arrests of the two pilots.

They were Walter Alfred Youngblood, 28, of 3986 NW 65th Ave., and James C. Grizzle, 32, of 200 SW 38th Ct.

The Miami Springs patrolmen from whom Sapp—acting on a tip he received last week—took statements were John Lovell and Frank Glidewell, both of 3951 NW 65th Ave. No action has been taken against the policemen.

Also sought were two other men whom Lovell and Glidewell said were to pose as police or immigration officers and lure Masferrer from his home.

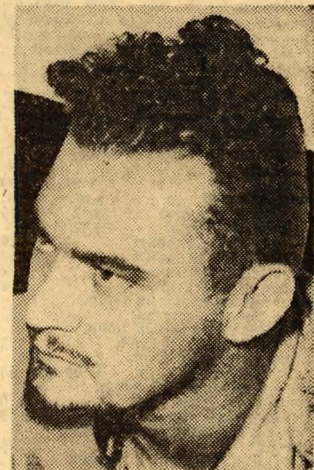
Glidewell and Lovell, members of the Springs force for the past seven months, said in their statement:

"We were approached by Grizzle and asked if we'd like to make some easy money. When we said yes, we were introduced to Youngblood."

Youngblood is a self-styled soldier of fortune who has been in hot water with the U.S. government in Brazil; who was sought by the old Batista regime in Cuba as a swindler, and who claimed to have been a "chief pilot" in aerial gun-running for Castro's rebels before the revolution.

Police said Youngblood told

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**Masferrer**

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# Two Pilots Held; Masferrer Target

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the other plotters that the Cuban government "would pay a lot of money" for the return of "important exiled henchmen" of the old Batista regime.

The plotters made two trips to Cuba, police said, on April 1 and April 3, to "talk over the deal" with two of Castro's top aides, Joaquin A. (Jack) Ossorio, formerly of Miami, and Juan Horta, plus the chief of Castro's national police, Ameijer Ameijeiras.

At that time, the two pilots were told Masferrer, a Cuban senator in Batista days, was Cuba's most wanted war criminal, and the \$41,000 price was put on his head.

During the first meeting, Horta, who is Castro's secretary, told the men he would have to "talk to his boss" and would get in touch with them soon. Police said the conspirators, called to the April 3 meeting, were told "the price was set," and discussed the method and means by which Masferrer was to be delivered.

It was decided that fake policemen would make the phoney "pinch," and deliver Masferrer to Youngblood and Grizzle at the airport where they would be waiting with a plane for the flight to Cuba.

Police said Horta discussed the matter with his boss, who felt that this was not the right time for the kidnaping because it would "swing public opinion against him and Cuba."

Horta was quoted as saying "his boss" felt it would be better to "wait for a more opportune moment."

The wait may have stalled the kidnaping long enough for the report to leak out and lead to the arrests of the pilots.

Lovell and Glidewell said they did not know how much

the two other men were to be paid for posing as uniformed officers and serving a phoney warrant on Masferrer at his home, saying he was wanted for questioning.

Lovell and Glidewell were to be paid solely for helping put up a front, they said.

"Youngblood and Grizzle wanted the Cubans to believe they had a semi-official okay from the police in Miami. We were along as window dressing," they said.

Investigators checked a report that Youngblood was going to pay a \$5,000 bribe to someone at the airport so he could take off without having to file an international clearance.

Sapp said an investigation into this phase already was underway, but doubted the payoff was to be so huge. No customs clearance is needed for a U.S. plane leaving Miami International Airport.

Masferrer, reached by The Herald Saturday, said, "This is just another case of Fidel Castro's disregard for the law.

"Castro wants to send hoodlums here to kidnap me and others so he can take us back to Cuba to face a firing squad," he said.

"They already have given me the death penalty. If the kidnap scheme had gone through — I was a dead man."

Youngblood was charged with conspiracy to kidnap and his bond set at \$5,000. A similar bond was placed against Grizzle, who was held under a temporary charge of "investigation of conspiracy to kid-

Neither pilot had made bail late Saturday. Youngblood was visited for three minutes by his fiancée, Kay E. Youngblood, 24, of 1521 NW 51st St.

"Walter told me he doesn't know what this is all about," Miss Youngblood told The Herald.

# Revel in Intrigue

## Springs Pair

## Swell Roster

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After the fall of Fulgencio Batista and the rise of Fidel Castro, Hernandez made a hasty retreat to the North. Afterwards, the new Cuban consul announced that evidence had been found in Hernandez' office indicating that several Greater Miami officials had been on Batista's payroll as undercover agents.

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# Our Police Revel in Intrigue

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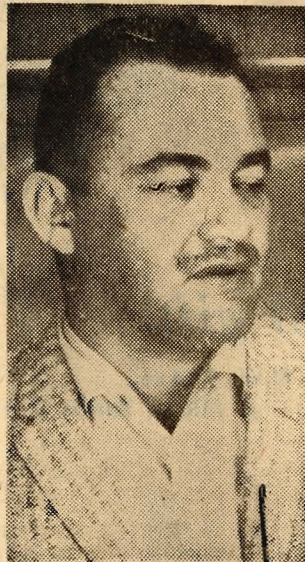
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# 'I Am Castro's Most Wanted'

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But I know I am Number One on Castro's wanted list.

Only he'd like a package deal — Batista and me.

I'm not afraid. I go over to my brother's house almost every night. Sometimes I go to the Beach. Just before I met you, I was having lunch in a restaurant down the street.

More often, though, I do my own cooking. I like to cook, but I wish I didn't eat so much. I'd like to weigh about 160 pounds. (Masferrer weighs 185.)

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**BUT, GETTING BACK** to the plot against me, there is no reason for me to worry. I have confidence in the Miami police department and the U.S. government. There has been no attempt to kill me since I have been here.

Now about Castro:

He says I killed 1,000 men.

I have never killed a person. I never ordered a killing or favored one. I don't believe in terrorism as a political means for any objective.

Immoral means will take you to immoral ends, and you cannot build on violence or brutality.

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**CASTRO CANNOT** cite a single case in which I had a part that cost the life of a single person. If he could, he would have made good use of it.

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**MY DRIVER** and I left. We each had a pistol. In front of my house in the Miramar section of Havana, Castro and the others pulled up in a jeep.

They started to shoot. They had machineguns. We shot back and they ran.

Later, when I was a senator, Castro led another machine gun attack on me in the Capitol. But I escaped again.

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I tried to warn the corrupted and foolish government of Batista of its peril.

Because of my prominence in combating the Communist propaganda tactics of Castro, he attacked me and my party.

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My best friend, Manolo Castro — no relation to Fidel — opposed gangsterism in the university.

For that, Fidel Castro shot and killed him. It was outside a little motion picture theater in San Raphael Street, one block off the Prado and two blocks from the Capitol.

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**I WROTE** a story for the daily newspaper Pueblo. I named Castro and his gang as the killers of Manolo and Pueblo printed it.

Before I was in the Legislature, Castro tried to kill me. I was on newspaper business and had an appointment with President Grau San Martin.

About 1 a.m., I left the president's office and went to a cafe. One man was with me — the driver of my station wagon.

At that time I had been printing stories about Castro and his association with Communism in my paper, Tiempo.

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Someone asked me if I still had my yacht. I had no yacht. I paid passage on a yacht to take me to Key West after Batista escaped the country.

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**I HAD** a farm and two newspapers, but I don't know what has become of them.

But I do hear reports from Cuba. My friends come and tell me things. And it is not good . . . not good.

Many of the executions are not reported. Castro has killed 10,000 people, and he is still killing them.

Maybe, when it is over, I can return to Cuba. In the meantime, I hope to stay here. My son and daughter are in this country in school, and my wife, Lucila Montero, is in Mexico trying to get into the United States.

(Masferrer lighted a cigar and thought about his absent wife. "We were married in Havana in 1944," he said wistfully. "or was it 1945?")