

O.A.S. Official Says Weapons In Venezuela Had Cuban Insignia

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP) —The head of an inter-American investigating committee said tonight, "We saw with our own eyes the coat of arms of Cuba on weapons found recently in Venezuela."

Rodolfo Weidmann, Argentina's ambassador to the Organization of American States, headed a five-nation committee that went to Venezuela to investigate that country's charges that Premier Fidel Castro's regime in Cuba had sent three tons of arms to Venezuela a few weeks ago. The arms were said to be to supply pro-Communist guerrillas fighting President Romulo Betancourt's government in Caracas.

Mr. Weidmann and the representatives of Costa Rica and Columbia returned to Washington late today.

"Our own experts, using laboratory molecular techniques, brought out the coat of arms of Cuba on rifles and machine guns," Mr. Weidmann said, adding that original markings had been burnished off the weapons.

Representatives of the United States and Uruguay remained in Caracas another day to gather evidence, Mr. Weidmann said.

"We have brought together an immense mountain of evidence already and the full committee will begin meetings Monday to analyze it, classify it and then draw up a report of our conclusions," he added.

He indicated it would be

some days before the report is ready.

Mr. Weidmann said the committee was exploring means of giving Cuba some way of presenting a defense against the Venezuelan Government's charges that Cuba had been exporting arms to Venezuela.

The Government of Cuba has denounced the accusation as a fraud and said the guns found in Venezuela actually were furnished by the United States Central Intelligence Agency.

The Organization of American States, however, voted to investigate the Venezuelan charges.

Caracas Reports 'More Arms'

CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 13 (UPI)—Venezuela said today that she had "more Cuban arms" to show investigators to bolster her accusation of aggression against Cuba. Foreign Minister Marcos Falcón Briceño said the Defense Ministry would make a more detailed report.

Leoni's Election to Be Affirmed

CARACAS, Dec. 13 (AP)—Raól Leoni will be officially proclaimed President-elect tomorrow by the Supreme Electoral Council. The council announced complete official returns today from the Dec. 1 general election.