



CARLOS PRIO
Arrives To Testify

Prio Called Before U.S. Grand Jurors

Carlos Prio, former President of Cuba, appeared today before a federal grand jury in Miami in answer to a subpoena.

The former Cuban president, who was overthrown by Fulgen-
cio Batista March 10, 1952, was immaculately dressed in a dark suit as he went before a grand jury currently investigating possible connections between Cuban exiles living in the Miami area and recent revolutionary uprisings against Batista in Cuba.

Prio said he is adhering strictly to a pledge he made U. S. immigration and naturalization officials that he would not, while a resident of the United States, take part in any acts against the present Cuban regime.

"I will appear before the grand

jury and will answer any questions," Prio said, "but there is nothing that I can tell them, as I know nothing of any of the activities against Batista except what I have read or heard about."

He said the outbreaks in Cuba in recent months are nothing more than the Cuban people "expressing their feelings toward the rule" of Batista.

Seven additional witnesses, all residents of Miami, were standing by ready to testify. They included Rafael Del Pino, Oscar Cheda, Oscar Ramirez, Mario Gutierrez, Fernando Margolles, Socrates Alcaez and Fernandez Cestro.

All but one of them said they were present or past officers of

the 26th of July Club, sponsored by Castro, who fled Cuba after the uprising.

Ramirez, who said he was the first treasurer of the club, acted as spokesman for the group.

"We have no connection with Prio whatsoever," he said. "We organized our club as a social organization."

Gino Negretti, an attorney representing the people who have been subpoenaed, said the hearing

is "an apparent attempt to link Prio with the local club and Fidel Castro's revolutionary movement."