

'CIA Spy' Tells of Missions to Cuba on Havana TV

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — Three men described as U.S. Central Intelligence agents captured by Fidel Castro's forces, appeared on Havana television Saturday night and spilled apparent secrets about CIA operations against Cuba.

The three Cubans talked freely about CIA commando raids and infiltration of men and arms into Cuba.

They said they were captured Oct. 22 in operations from what they said was the CIA mother ship Rex based at West Palm Beach, Fla.

CASTRO, who told about the Rex in a TV and radio talk Wednesday night, did not appear on the telecast monitored in Key West.

The telecast was interrupted for five minutes, apparently because of a tape break. This indicated the program was previously recorded. The prisoners were questioned by Cuban army officers and answered readily and fully.

Luis Montero Carrazana, tall and wearing a white sportshirt, said he had worked for the CIA since 1960.

He said he worked in Miami with the Christian Democratic Movement, an anti-Castro organization.

"I CONTACTED Dr. Ignacio Rasco, of the Christian Democrats, who asked us to join their organization and they said we could work with them by ship. We made three or four voyages.

"The first, in November, 1961, disembarked in Oriente (eastern Cuba) after leaving from Marathon (in the Florida Keys)," he said.

Appearing with Montero were Clemente Inclan and Roberta Lizano Rodriguez. Montero said he was the quartermaster of the Rex, identified previously by Castro as a CIA vessel based at Palm Beach, Fla.

"THE SHIP traveled as a merchant vessel for a Nicaraguan company," the prisoner told his television audience.

"I landed many times in Cuba. I delivered packages there. We moored five or six miles from the Cuban coast, then used two launches. We would leave six men and 25 or 30 packages in Cuba. I did not know the mission of these men. Then we would return to the ship."

He did not explain what the packages contained.

The young Cuban, who appeared about 30 years old, continued calmly: "The artillery of the ship (Rex) consisted of five 20-caliber cannons, four 50-caliber machine guns, and other weapons.

"BEFORE daybreak we returned to Key West or Miami. We always returned to the American coast," Montero said.

"When they wanted us to go on a mission they informed us by telephone. The man who gave the orders for the CIA was an American whom we called Capt. Ward.

"I participated on many missions. One was sabotage at Santa Lucia. This mission was carried out by 12 commandoes whom we picked up on a key near Miami," he said.