

Mystery Ships Quit Florida

The mystery ships Rex and Leda have slipped quietly from their Florida ports for unannounced destinations.

On Oct. 30 Fidel Castro told a Cuban TV audience two small boats launched from the Rex with raiding parties had been seized and those aboard captured.

When the Rex, described by Castro as a U. S. Central Intelligence Agency raider craft, returned to its Palm Beach berth Oct. 27, its two speedy inboard-outboard launches were missing from their davits.

Both vessels fly the Nicaraguan flag and both have Latin crews.

In addition to the launches, the Rex and the Leda also have powerful bridge searchlights and a crane in the middle of the stern deck.

Twenty-nine men, all Latins and wearing blue uniforms and combat boots, were counted boarding the Leda before it sailed quietly from Port Everglades yesterday.

Fort Lauderdale agent for the Leda is Lake Cay Shipping Co., and three Miami attorneys have been identified as officers in the firm.