

'War' Proclaimed In Uruguay as 12 Die in Rebel Action

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, April 14 (AP) — Leftist Tupamaro guerrillas struck in a series of fatal ambushes around Montevideo today, touching off city-wide warfare with Government forces. Four officials and eight Tupamaros were reported killed.

"We are at war," Defense Minister Enrique O. Magnani said after a Cabinet meeting.

President Juan M. Bordaberry asked Congress to convene in emergency session and to declare a state of internal war, which would mean the suspension of all individual liberties.

Security officials reported that gunfights broke out when policemen and troops swarmed into districts where guerrillas killed four persons in ambushes.

Mr. Magnani said that Raúl Sendic, who founded the Tupamaros nine years ago, was killed, but other sources could not confirm this.

Interior Minister Alejandro Rivera said that two guerrilla leaders, Alberto Canadan Grajales and Tabaré Rivero Cedres, had been identified among the dead. The two were among 25 persons who escaped Wednesday from Punta Carretas Prison here through a 200-foot tunnel.

The four officials killed in the ambushes all had been connected with antiguerrilla operations. The authorities gave this account of the ambushes, and subsequent gun battles:

Oscar Delega, 29, a police subcommissioner who worked in the intelligence section, and his driver, Patrolman Alberto Leites, were killed when guerrillas fired at least 28 bullets into their car.

Capt. Ernesto Motto Benvenuto, 34, of the navy, was shot down by a guerrilla disguised as a garbage collector in Las Piedras, 15 miles from Montevideo.

Armando Acosta y Lara, 55, former Under Secretary of the Interior, was fatally wounded at an intersection near the city center.

A gun battle erupted in the beach district of Malvín and four guerrillas were reported slain.

Three guerrillas tried to ram their car through a police roadblock in another district and one was killed in a brief gunfight. A woman guerrilla was fatally wounded.

The authorities reported at least two other guerrillas had been killed in other encounters.