

## Bomb Try Still Mystery, Cuba Ship Leaves Today

RCMP officers report no progress in their investigation of Sunday morning's explosion near the bow of a Cuban freighter tied up in Montreal harbor.

The ship, the Maria Teresa, will sail for Cuba today as scheduled after loading a cargo of baby food and powdered milk.

Divers had not yet determined last night whether the ship, berthed at Shed 10, had been damaged by the blast.

A port official reported a preliminary investigation indicated

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the Maria Teresa had not suffered damage — "not even a paint scratch" when an explosion occurred near its bow about 3 a.m. Sunday.

Only known damage resulting from the mysterious explosion is a broken window pane in a nearby waterfront building. No one was injured.

A few hours after the blast, an official of the Cuban Nationalist Association in New York

City claimed the explosion had been the work of association members who were experts in underwater demolition.

The official also claimed members of the association, an anti-Castro group, had boarded the ship and "seized official important documents" from the ship's safe.

This was denied by the ship's captain, 29-year-old Maximino Chacon.

Local bomb experts felt the bomb had not been a very powerful one since it had caused little, if any, damage to the ship and had not even caused any damage to the pier.

"All it did really was splash the water some 30 feet into the air," one bomb expert remarked.

### Nature Of Blast Mystery

However, the experts are at a loss to determine the exact make and nature of the bomb used. They fail to agree whether the bomb exploded at the water level or below or above it.

Some believe the bomb had been tossed near the ship's bow from the roof of a nearby shed and exploded as it struck the water.

A few days ago, RCMP officials received an anonymous telephone call in which the caller said the Maria Teresa would be damaged while it took on cargo in Montreal harbor.

Immediately, the RCMP reinforced its land patrol in the harbor and two officers were assigned to guard duty around the ship. They were near the ship when the explosion occurred as the crew slept aboard the freighter.

Cuban Premier Fidel Castro has demanded a full investigation by the Canadian Government.

In a two-hour speech, he blamed the United States Central Intelligence Agency for the incident.

Another Cuban exile group, "Accion Cuba", also claimed credit for the attack on the Maria Teresa in Montreal Harbor.