

# Cuban Ship Escapes Damage in Harbor

Preliminary inspection by divers yesterday revealed that the hull of the Cuban cargo ship Maria Teresa, victim of a bomb attack at her berth, on Sunday, was not damaged.

National Harbors Board divers made the inspection beside Shed 8 where the 1,001-ton vessel is taking on a cargo of baby food and powdered milk. The concrete of King Edward Pier also was not damaged.

The RCMP is continuing its investigation of the blast, which blew a window out of a Shed 8 office.

The ship will continue to take on cargo today. Her sailing date has not yet been set, the harbor-master's office said.

Responsibility for the blast was claimed by the Cuban Nationalist Association, a New York based anti-Castro faction.

## Ottawa May Protest Explosion In Port

Canadian Press

OTTAWA, Aug. 11 — The question of a protest to the United States over the bombing of a Cuban freighter in a Canadian port is being looked into, External Affairs Minister Martin told the Commons last night.

Mr. Martin said in reply to Gerald Regan (L—Halifax) that investigation is proceeding into the explosion on the Maria Teresa at Montreal Sunday.

Mr. Regan suggested that a protest might be necessary since Cuban exiles in New York claimed a part in the bombing. He said the matter involves the safety of Canadian stevedores who may be working on Cuban vessels loading ammunition.

Tom Barnett (NDP—Burnaby-Richmond) asked whether Cuban ships are in fact loading ammunition in Canadian ports.

Mr. Martin declined to add anything to what he said in reply to Mr. Regan.

Earlier, Transport Minister Pickersgill said two RCMP

officers were near the vessel when the explosion occurred as a result of warnings of possible bombings. A letter in Spanish was found in a nearby pier shed.

Mr. Pickersgill said it may be significant the New York office of United Press International was informed of the bombing less than 15 minutes after it occurred.

## Local Group Denounces Ship Blast

A Montreal-based organization of Latin American sympathizers has called on Ottawa to investigate Sunday's harbor bombing of the Cuban ship Maria Teresa.

A telegram to Prime Minister Pearson by the Friends of the Latin American Peoples also urges "vigorous representations to the United States government, who give shelter to those responsible."

The telegram says "the Canadian government should demand the prosecution of those responsible and their leaders who are boasting about future actions."

The group called on Ottawa "to make an immediate investigation of this hostile act" and said the government should "assure the Canadian people and those countries trading with Canada that there will be no repetition and that lives and property will be protected."