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# Fidel Says 'CIA Chief' Captured

HAVANA (AP) — Cuban security officials said today they have smashed an attempt to sabotage the copper mines of Matahambre and captured a man they called the principal chief of the (U.S.) Central Intelligence Agency in Cuba.

Radio Havana identified the captive leader as Miguel Angel Crespo, once an army officer under Dictator Fulgencio Batista. It said two groups of saboteurs landed near Matahambre, on Cuba's western tip, with a half ton of weapons. It called them CIA agents.

The mining center is 20 miles northwest of Pinar del Rio, capital of Pinar del Rio Province. It is linked by cableway with the Gulf of Mexico coast. This cableway was described as one of the targets of the saboteurs.

The men were reported to have landed Oct. 19 and Oct. 20, using a rubber raft equipped with a muffled motor. Crespo was said to have been captured with a companion named Pedro Vera Ortiz at a farm in a hilly region near Vinales Nov. 2.

What the group may have achieved between the time of

landing and the date of the arrests was not specified.

Details made public in Havana, however, included the declarations:

- In addition to weapons and supplies, the band was equipped with explosives, radio transmitters and enough food for two weeks.

- If the mine and cableway sabotage had succeeded, about 400 workers would have been killed.

The plan was for the men to be picked up by a U. S. Navy vessel after completion of the mission, "for which they had been specially trained by the CIA in the United States."

Newspaper stories said Crespo and his group also benefitted from "the collaboration of a certain embassy which lends its diplomatic pouch to bring in telecommunication equipment for saboteurs." The embassy was not named.

There was no elaboration of why Cuban authorities chose to keep silent on the case through 10 days since the reported arrest of Crespo and Ortiz.

However, the Soviet missile crisis may have been a factor. President Kennedy announced orders Oct. 22 for the U. S. arms blockade of Cuba.

Though the Havana radio listed the names of 12 saboteurs, there was no mention of the capture of more than two.

The broadcast said the captured pair gave full details of the sabotage plan to authorities, describing how they waited vainly on the Pinar del Rio coast for three days, making prearranged signals to a rescue craft which never came. This vessel, the radio quoted the two as saying, was to take them to Florida.

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