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HIGH CUBAN AIDE SHOT AS C.I.A. SPY

Provincial Minister Is Eighth Person Executed in Week

SANTIAGO, Cuba, June 6

(UPI)—The highest-ranking official of the Castro regime to die before a firing squad was miqué said today.

Cesar Diaz Infante, Oriente Province director of the internal commerce ministry, was shot as a United States Central Intelligence Agency operative.

He was the eighth Cuban to be executed in eight days. All were convicted by revolutionary tribunals of being C.I.A. spies.

Two sub chiefs of the Oriente official, Francisco Linares Serbano and Saturnino Polon Pintero, received unspecified "stiff prison" sentences.

Said to Be Agent 2 Years

Mr. Diaz Infante was specifically charged with being a C.I.A. agent for two years, formerly providing information on military installations and coastal geography, and lately furnishing complete, official food distribution data. He was also accused of snarling Government food and spare part deliveries.

The most recent executions before yesterday's occurred in Camagucy June 2, when Alberto Fernandez, a former wealthy cattleman and officer of the Lions Club International, was shot with two alleged C.I.A. accomplices.

Today's communiqué said that the two subchiefs had refused "through fear" to participate in Diaz Infante's espionage activities, but had helped in the economic sabotage. Their "stiff" sentences were taken to mean 30 years, the maximum.

Three other ministry officials were arrested on the ground that they knew of the subversive activity but failed to report it.

The statement said that Mr. Diaz Infante "confessed being an agent of the C.I.A." It added that he sent information to the United States agency through an alleged counterrevolutionary organization. The organization was not named.

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2 Held as Plotter of Hijacking

HAVANA, June 6 (UPI) — Forty-two persons, including many in the army, were arrested at José Martí airport here on suspicion that they planned to hijack a airliner and fly it to Florida, it was reported today.

The arrests were made yesterday. Those arrested were among about 80 persons who had boarded the Cubana airliner for the afternoon flight to Santiago, Cuba's second largest city, which is in Oriente Province in the east.

Ral Regret's Delay

Special to The New York Times

NASSAU, The Bahamas, June 6 — Manuel Ray, 39-year-old Cuban exile leader whose attempt to enter Cuba to engage in underground activities was foiled Monday, when he and seven companions were picked up by British authorities 30 miles north of the island, described his stay in Nassau today as a "small unfortunate delay."

Mr. Ray spoke before boarding a flight to Miami. He says he lives with his wife and five children, with the intention of being in Cuba May 20, the 22nd anniversary of Cuban independence. But he changed plans, he said, when Premier Fidel Castro announced a nationwide mobilization.

"I consider the mobilization a victory for us because it showed fear for us, but we took advantage of the situation and changed plans," he said.

Mr. Ray said that a motor of the 'exiles' boat broke down Monday. "We considered it a small problem and went to Anguilla Key to fix it," he said. "We intended to wait till nightfall to attempt to enter Cuba."

It was at Anguilla Key, a British possession, that a British destroyer, assisted by United States aircraft, apprehended the party. They were brought to Nassau and fined on charges of bringing firearms into British territory.

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