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# PASTORA DECLARES HE WON'T GIVE UP

## Venezuelans Treating Him for Leg Fractures and Burns Expect Quick Recovery

CARACAS, Venezuela, June 2 (Reuters) — Edén Pastora Gómez, the Nicaraguan rebel leader who is recovering in a Caracas clinic from wounds received in a bomb attack, said today that he would never give up his struggle for democracy in Nicaragua.

"I will not give up or sell myself however many bombs are placed by the extremists," he said in a Venezuelan television interview.

Mr. Pastora was expelled from Costa Rica on Friday night and was flown to Venezuela in a private plane. Venezuelan officials said the Government played no role in his movements.

Venezuelan doctors today treated Mr. Pastora for leg fractures received when a bomb exploded at a news conference on Wednesday just inside Nicaragua. They said he had burns over 40 percent of his body.

The longtime guerrilla leader, hero of the 1979 Sandinista revolution that toppled Anastasio Somoza Debayle, said the bomb attack reflected growing pressure on his guerrilla group by extremists.

Mr. Pastora said the extreme right had circulated false stories of divisions in his group.

### Doctor Predicts Quick Recovery

"There was a campaign to make me appear the only obstacle to unity in Nicaragua and this led to the assassination attempt," he said.

But he also said the bomb could have been planted by the extreme right or the left.

"I will not give up or sell myself however many bombs are placed by the extremists," he said. "In a couple of months we will be back in action. I am optimistic because we represent the only possibility of a real democratic revolution in Nicaragua."

A Venezuelan doctor who attended him on the flight described his condition as "quite satisfactory" and said he expected him to make a relatively quick recovery.

Mr. Pastora was a hero of the 1979 revolution but became disaffected with the leftist Government he had helped

~~put in power in Managua.~~

~~Friday Mr. Pastora dismissed assertions that the Central Intelligence Agency had planted the bomb because he did not obey orders. On Friday as he left for Caracas, Mr. Pastora blamed the C.I.A. for the explosion. On Thursday he said he believed the Nicaraguan Government in Managua was responsible.~~

A Sandinista junta member, Sergio Ramirez Mercado, said the bomb attack was the result of squabbles among counterrevolutionary groups.

Mr. Pastora said he had been under

~~increasing pressure in the last three months from the extreme right to join his Revolutionary Democratic Alliance, which is operates from areas near the Costa Rican border, with the guerrillas of the National Democratic Force, which operates in northern Nicaragua from bases in Honduras. Mr. Pastora has objected unless former Somoza aides leave the leadership of the group based in Honduras.~~

"In the last three months we have received no aid, not even a pair of boots or a uniform, and over the last 30 days it has been unbearable," he said.