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(Text) Havana--Three spies in the service of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency were tried and sentenced to death by a revolutionary court. The sentence, handed down by the Revolutionary Tribunal of the Province of Las Villas, was carried out yesterday.

The spies, named Rolando Matheu Paz, Manuel Marrero Castillo, and Francisco Marrero Castillo, belonged to an infiltration group organized by the CIA. On 22 July they were captured by the Revolutionary Armed Forces as they were attempting to infiltrate into Cuba. Arms, material for secret writing, money, and other objects, including instructions from CIA for the organization of military espionage rings and sabotage against the economy of the nation, were taken from them when they were arrested. A list they brought with them of persons with whom they should get in touch in order to organize subversive activities included former landowners and former military men of the Batista dictatorship.

One of the spies, Matheu Paz, was recruited by a CIA official through economic pressure and blackmail. He was repeatedly dismissed from work, and, taking advantage of the occasions on which he was unemployed, various agents visited him proposing that in order to solve his economic problems he make up his mind to enroll for espionage missions.

The three executed men were trained by a North American at a special center for sabotage tactics. On 20 July, they were taken on board a CIA ship to a place close to the northern coast of the province of Las Villas, where they transferred to a smaller vessel. On this second vessel they reached Cayo Verde, where they were captured by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Cuba.

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(Text) Santiago de Cuba--A group of U.S. and Canadian newsmen who are touring the country have arrived in this provincial capital. The group is composed of Prof. Roxer Decovery M. Owen, his wife and three small children; Charles Howard, U.N. press agency correspondent; Felix McGowan, direct of the New York Catholic paper CATHOLIC WORKER; Patricius Murphy Robinson of the AFRICAN POST; Joe Grohoman of NBC; Monica Maxwell from Canada; and John Ridell, Phillips Couruneur, Nina Woodward, and Rose Bronstein, of the Canadian committee for a fair treatment of Cuba. The visitors intend to see several historical, tourist, and production centers of Santiago province in order to judge for themselves the success achieved by the revolution.