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Relatives' Proliferate As Cuba Extends List

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HAVANA, Dec. 27 (AP).

"Suddenly everyone is a cousin of an invader," a weary Cuban Families Committee worker said today.

Word that Premier Fidel Castro had agreed to let another 1000 relatives of liberated Bay of Pigs invasion prisoners leave for Florida set off such a rush of applicants that police had to disperse the crowds.

The Cubans massed around homes of the Committee members, who make up the list of eligible emigrants under terms laid down by Castro.

More than 900 men, women and children sailed to Florida yesterday aboard the American freighter African Pilot. These relatives of prisoners were the first in the "bonus" offered by Castro in the ransom deal that brought freedom for 1113 Bay of Pigs captives.

The committeewomen handling applications of prospective emigrants are mostly mothers and wives of the liberated prisoners.

They have gone with little sleep for more than a week after months of waiting and worrying about their menfolk. Ironically, most of the Committee has chosen to remain in Cuba.

4 Red Cross Aides to Stay

It was learned that four American Red Cross officials will remain in Cuba. Presumably they will supervise the unloading of the rest of the medical supplies to be delivered as ransom.

Recent reports have said that negotiations are in progress for the release of 21 Americans held in Cuban prisons on various charges. It is considered possible the Red Cross officials will assume some role in their release.

Chester Paige of New York City, head of the Red Cross group that arrived aboard the African Pilot, said that William Gaefe, a transportation supply expert, will remain behind. Gaefe, of Cincinnati, will be joined by three other Red Cross officials. Their trips were authorized by Washington.

Talk that an amnesty for foreign political prisoners is being considered by Castro continued to circulate in diplomatic circles.

Generosity Claimed

The Communist newspaper Hoy said the invasion prisoners were released "simply for generosity, the generosity that only those stronger than their enemies can have." Hoy added:

"While Cuba allows the relatives of the invaders who caused great damage to leave, the United States does not let its own citizens travel to our country, even for a few days—such as happened with the students who found it impossible to come and see with their own eyes the truth about our revolution."

A group of U. S. students had announced their intention to accept Castro's offer of a free visit to Cuba during the Christmas holidays. The U. S. government refused to let them go.

(In Mexico City, a group of exiled Cuban newsmen said Castro has set a ransom of \$5 million worth of food for six of his most prominent political prisoners.)

(The newsmen estimated there are 80,000 political prisoners in Cuba. One of those involved in the proposed swap, the statement said, is Hubert Matos, sentenced to 20 years in 1959 on treason charges.)