

SEAMAN SUPPLIES UNDERGROUND

Anti-Castro Fighter Is Here to Urge Blockade

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An American seaman, who has allied himself with the Cuban exiles dedicated to overthrowing Fidel Castro's communist regime, is in town today to urge a stronger blockade of the island country.

"Castro won't last more than four or five months if we put a real blockade around there," said Robert Cales, whose 46-foot fishing vessel, operating out of Miami, has made more than 30 night-time trips to Cuba with commandoes and with supplies for the underground.

BLOCKADE

Mr. Cales particularly hopes to talk to Sen. Kenneth Keating (R., N. Y.) and Sen. Everett Dirksen (R., Ill.) to persuade them to initiate legislation to take the blockade out of the hands of the Executive branch of the Government.

"Those men are really dedicated to the job of fighting communism," Mr. Cales said. He said he wants Congress to take over the blockade to insure its effectiveness.

Mr. Cales said his underground contacts have told him that the Russians left 10 ballistic missiles with a range of 2200 miles in Cuba and he said there are 42,000 technicians from Russia and her communist allies on the island.

"Ships come in every day bringing ammunition and supplies," he said.

PICKETING

Mr. Cales said that he is prepared to do some picketing around Washington if he can not get help from official sources.

He said his underground contacts told him followers of former Dictator Fulgencio Batista, now in exile in Spain, have the strongest anti-Castro organization on the island. The second most important group is that allied to Manolo Ray, former Castro supporter who is now in Puerto Rico.

Mr. Cales said Aureliano Arango and Antonio Vazquez are the exile leader's most greatly trusted and the fighting exiles.



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