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--WORLD NEWS ROUNDUP--

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IN THE NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

HAVANA, MAY 12 (AP)--

SPIES, SPIES, SPIES: THE ARREST OF 31 PERSONS IN CUBA'S CAMAGUEY PROVINCE ON CHARGES OF SPYING FOR THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) WAS ANNOUNCED IN HAVANA WEDNESDAY.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT SAID THE SPY TRIAL OF 53 BAPTISTS, INCLUDING TWO AMERICANS, SCHEDULED TO BEGIN WEDNESDAY WAS POSTPONED UNTIL FRIDAY. NO REASON WAS GIVEN.

A COMMUNIQUE FROM THE CAMAGUEY SECURITY POLICE SAID THE 31 CUBANS SENT MILITARY AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION TO THE CIA USING SECRET WRITING IN LETTERS DISPATCHED BY ORDINARY MAIL. IT ASSERTED THEY ALSO FUNNELED INFORMATION THROUGH THE U.S. NAVAL BASE AT GUANTANAMO.

SEIZED FROM THE SPY RING WERE CODED MESSAGES WITH INSTRUCTIONS, SPECIAL PAPER FOR "INVISIBLE WRITING," AND MONEY ORDERS SENT TO THE CIA TO FINANCE OPERATIONS, THE COMMUNIQUE ADDED.

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AS FOR THE BAPTISTS, THE REV. HERBERT CAUDILL, 61, A NATIVE OF CLINCHPORT, VA., AND HIS SON-IN-LAW, THE REV. JAMES DAVID FITE, 31, OF FORT WORTH, TEX., HAD BEEN DUE TO GO ON TRIAL WEDNESDAY.

THEY WERE ARRESTED APRIL 8 ALONG WITH 38 BAPTIST PREACHERS AND 13 LAYMEN IN WESTERN CUBA. THEY WERE ACCUSED OF WORKING FOR THE CIA, A CHARGE THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT DECLARED HAD "ABSOLUTELY NO BASIS IN FACT." PRIME MINISTER FIDEL CASTRO HAS SAID THE AMERICANS WOULD NOT BE SHOT BUT HE HAD PROOF THEY WERE "AGAINST SOCIALISM."

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