

SPY RING SEIZURE REPORTED BY CUBA

31 Arrested in Camaguey —Execution Possible

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HAVANA, May 12—Cuba announced today that it had uncovered a network of persons spying for the United States and said they would "receive merited punishment from revolutionary justice." This seems to mean mass execution.

Thirty-one "counterrevolutionaries" were reported to have been arrested in the region of Camaguey, a city of 120,000 people in eastern Cuba and a center of the island's sugar industry.

The State Security Department of Camaguey alleged that the arrested persons had regularly received money orders from the United States Central Intelligence Agency and had supplied military and economic information using invisible ink and other seemingly "sure and refined espionage devices made available by the C.I.A."

An increased search by the Castro regime for spy suspects, saboteurs and other counterrevolutionaries has been going on across the island in recent weeks. On April 23 the regime announced the arrest of eight alleged spies who were said to have operated in the Camaguey railroad depot.

Earlier a department head of the Havana waterfront customs office was executed on charges of having signaled the movement of ships in the harbor to the C.I.A. Two United States Baptist ministers, the Rev. Herbert Caudill, 61 years old, of Waynesboro, Ga., and his son-in-law, the Rev. James David Fite, 31, of Omega, Ga., and at least 51 Cubans, including about

10 Baptist preachers, were arrested and accused of espionage, subversion and illegal currency deals. The two Americans, who are still in prison, were scheduled to appear before the Havana Revolutionary Tribunal this morning, but late last night the trial was postponed to Friday.

Recent arrests for alleged activities against the regime include that of a well-known physician, Dr. Jesus Iglesias de la Torre, and other persons charged with having been in touch with the Central Intelligence Agency.

Today's announcement from Camaguey charged that the arrested persons had channeled some of their secret information through the United States naval base of Guantanamo in southeast Cuba. This was the first mention of Guantanamo by the Cuban press in some time.

According to the security services, information from Camaguey has been sent by mail to Cuban residents in the city of Guantanamo, close to the United States naval installation. Those who were said to have received the espionage letters were among the 500 Cuban workers who still commute between Cuban territory and the United States base.

Two women were reported to be among those arrested. One was said to have been found in possession of C.I.A. money orders and of espionage instructions. The second woman allegedly distributed funds among the other operatives of the network.

The security service is stated to have seized code messages and special papers and chemicals for invisible writing.

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