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ABORTED PLOT IS SUSPECTED IN HAITI

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(Text) Port au Prince--The asylum of four high military officers in the Brazilian Embassy at Port au Prince and the forced retirement of six other officials is interpreted here as an incitation that there was an abortive plot against the regime of Francois Duvalier. The officials who have sought refuge in the Brazilian Embassy are Col. Lionel Honorat, commander of the Western Department, Lt. Col. Kern Delice; 2d Lt. Roland Magloire, and senior official Fritz Lamothe.

For the past few days large contingents of farmers have been arriving in the capital in trucks and buses, escorted by Duvalier's special guard. The members of this guard are called "tonton macoutes" by the people. The "tontons" are considered the primary military power of the country and include more than 14,000 well-armed and well-trained men headed by an old friend of Cuvalier, Luckner Cambronne. The army, for its part, has only 5,000 men and is said to possess only meager military equipment. The government has stated that the farmers have come to take part in the ceremonies on Sunday on the occasion of Cuvalier's 56 birthday and to prepare for his reelection on 22 May.

An extraordinary sum of 200,000 dollars was approved by the regime to pay for the celebration. The farmers are being housed in barracks constructed for this purpose and in public schools. Opposition elements state that the real aim of Duvalier in connection with the mobilization of the farmers is to intimidate and discourage those who conspire against his regime.

Reports from the United States says that the measures taken by that country and Great Britain against pirate landings in Cuba from the Bahamas and other islets of the Caribbean have resulted in "a group of Haitian exiles, who are refugees in the United States, canceling their hostile plans for raids to weaken Duvalier."

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BRITISH GUIANA FACING LABOR STRIFE

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(Excerpt) London--A showdown is expected within three days between British Guiana Premier Cheddi Jagan's ruling People's Progressive Party and the Guiana Trade Unions Council (TUC), representing over 90 percent of the colony's 55,000 workers. This prediction was voiced here following a seven-hour conference at which the TUC rejected the British Government's labor relations bill designed to control the activities of trade unions. Government spokesman said parliament will proceed with the bill's second reading this Tuesday despite the TUC rejection.

TUC general president Richard Ishmael threatened to call a general strike unless the government agreed to submit the controversial bill to a select parliamentary committee for consideration. The TUC delegation is meeting Labor Minister Ranji Chandisingh early Tuesday. The majority of the 25 unions in the TUC are in favor of immediately calling a countrywide strike, but no decision has yet been taken.

JAMAICAN POLICE ARREST 100 RASTAFARI

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(Text) Kingston, Jamaica--Jamaican police have arrested 100 persons in the Montego Bay area in the wake of recent terrorist activities of a Negro religious sect there. At dawn Thursday, members of the Rastafari sect, which refuses allegiance to the Jamaican Government and has been demanding repatriation to Ethiopia, attacked a filling station in Montego Bay, as well as a motel and a sugar plantation. Nine persons died and many others were wounded. The persons arrested Friday were taken in police raids on the sect's camps. They will be charged with possessing dangerous drugs and with vagrancy.

Massacred Police

Paris AFP in English to Africa 1830 GMT 14 April 1963--E
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(Text) Kingston--Jamaican Premier Alexander Bustamente today ordered an investigation into the massacre of four policemen killed Thursday by Rastafarians, bearded followers of the "Back-To-Africa Movement. Eight persons, including a businessman, were killed in a clash following a gas station robbery by the Rastafarians. Bustamente plans to visit the relatives of the slain policemen.