

Action Against Cuba Weighed by Venezuela

Terror Slaying of Foreign Minister's Brother May Lead to Airing Before OAS

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CARACAS — Venezuela weighed diplomatic action against Communist Cuba today as a result of the assassination last week of the foreign minister's brother.

A spokesman for President Raul Leoni told reporters that Venezuela is duty bound to defend the sovereignty of the nation and that the government is considering positive steps.

Just what measures might be taken he did not specify, although Interior Minister Reinaldo Leandro Mora said a few hours earlier that Venezuela might take the matter before the Organization of American States, which includes the United States and 20 Latin American governments.

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Leandro Mora told reporters the kidnaping and slaying last Friday of Julio Iribarren Borges was clearly the work of a terrorist band directed, oriented, financed and organized by Communist Cuba.

He said this view was substantiated Monday by reports from Cuba in which an agent of the Venezuelan terrorist group acknowledged responsibility for the assassination.

Here he referred to a statement attributed to Elias Manuett Camero, identified as a leader of the terrorist Armed Forces for National Liberation (FALN), which said: "Our movement decided to apply 'revolutionary

justice' to Iribarren Borges because he was a police agent who had jailed many innocent workers."

Iribarren Borges, 56, former director of the Social Security Institute and a brother of Foreign Minister Ignacio Iribarren Borges, was kidnaped last Wednesday in downtown Caracas. His bullet-riddled body was found Friday night about four miles from the city. Near it were a number of FALN propaganda leaflets.

President Leoni immediately declared a partial suspension of civil rights. Military and police authorities began a massive roundup of known and suspected leftists.

There had been fear that the tense situation would be worsened Tuesday by a threatened demonstration of university and high school students. Despite reports that it had been called off, the demonstration took place but failed to produce the expected results. An Education Ministry spokesman said the students were out only briefly and there were no reports of violence.

There was considerable speculation on what steps Venezuela might be considering against the government of Premier Fidel Castro. In announcing the decision to act, presidential secretary Manuel Matnilla said, "The government is studying such action in accordance with treaties and principles and the basic necessities of international society."

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