

Uruguay arrests 14 in alleged plot

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (AP) — Security forces claimed yesterday to have broken up a left-wing guerrilla band that plotted at least two assassinations and an anti-Uruguayan propaganda campaign using a reporter for an American newspaper.

Officials paraded 14 handcuffed persons at a news conference, claiming they were members of the new guerrilla group, "Party for the People's Victory."

The news conference was held in a resort home said to be a safe house for the guerrilla group, which officials claimed also had active members in nearby Argentina and some European countries.

The guerrillas had been plotting the assassination of Uruguay's ambassador to Brazil, Carlos Manini Rios, and an unnamed army officer in Uruguay, the security officials said.

The officials said the group also planned to expand what the Uruguayan military government has claimed is an international propaganda campaign against Uruguay.

"This campaign was to even touch upon the territory of the United States," officials said. "It was intended to use the services of a journalist of the *Washington Post* who had become very well known because of his reporting on Watergate.

"It should be stated that he wasn't supposed to have the slightest idea of the plan, nor the organization behind it. He was only supposed to write articles based on material sent to him."

The reporter was not identified.