21 Sentenced For Aiding Brazilian Red Leader

List Includes 2 Churchmen Who Allegedly Led Carios Marighella Into Police Trap

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RIO DE JANEIRO — Eleven Roman Catholic churchmen and 10 other persons have been sentenced to indefinite prison terms for aiding slain Communist leader Carlos Marighella, it was disclosed Saturday.

The churchmen included Francisco Augusto Catao, former provincial of the Dominican order in Sao Paulo, and two Dominican brothers, Fernando de Brito (Brother Fernando) and Yves do Amarall Lesbaupin (Brother Ivo).

The two brothers had allegedly led Marighella into a police death trap a month ago.

Prosecution's Allegations

The sentences were imposed by a military tribunal in Sao Paulo.

All 21 prisoners were members of Marighella's National Liberation Action group, the prosecution alleged, according to details of the trial made public Saturday.

Most of them were charged with being members of Marighella's logistics group, which provided cars and drivers for Marighella gang members during bank holdups.

In the last year, terrorists have held up more than 40 banks and escaped with more than \$1.25 million worth of cruzeiros.

The Sao Paulo political police told the court Brother Fernando was chief of the logistics group and that Brother Ivo was his second in command.

Another Accused

Another of the Dominican brothers, Carlos Alberto Libanio Cristo (Brother Beto) was accused of helping wanted men flee Brazil. In this operation, the political police said, he was helped by the Rev. Manuel Valiente and a seminarist, Francisco De Paula Falcao e Castro, who smuggled the wanted men over the border into Uruguay.

Father Valiente and Falcao E. Castro also were

Police said Brother Fernando and Brother Ivo led them to the capture of Marighella after a series of investigations and arrests. They were led finally to members of the Dominican order in Seo Paulo who, they were told, had close links with Marighelia.

Police arrested 17 of the brothers and after long interrogation Brother Fernando and Brother Ivo agreed to help police.

When he arrived for a rendezvous with the brothers, Marighella was surrounded by police and in the gun battle which followed, Marighella was shot dead.

Church officials and others have questioned the veracity of the police account. Some have openly hinted that it is a police attempt to discredit the church, and particularly the Dominican order.

Dominicans Loud

Dominicans have been among the most voceferous of church groups opposing the policies of Brazil's three governments since the military takeover in 1964. They have repeatedly accused the security forces, including certain branches of the military and the Brazilian political police of torture and brutality in interrogating political prisoners.

Church officials say they have not been allowed to speak to the two Dominicans. The Brazilian National Council of Bishops has ordered a complete inquiry to ascertain the extent to which the Dominicans were involved with the terrorists.

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