

PRIO DESERTS CASTRO OVER RED TYRANNY

Ex-President Vows to Break Slave Chains

New York, Jan. 25 (UPI)—
Former President Carlos Prío Socarras, a long time supporter of Fidel Castro, broke publicly with the Cuban premier today, and denounced him for establishing a "communist tyranny" in Cuba. He pledged support to Castro's foes.

In a signed statement released in New York, Prío described his country as a "conquered but nonsubmissive nation engaged in a titanic struggle to break the chains enslaving it."

Prío signed his statement in Miami, but he was understood to have left later for Mexico.

Supports Castro Foes

He said he had no personal political ambitions but was announcing his return to active public life "because human liberties [in Cuba] have once again been shackled."

Prío disclaimed connection with any Cuban exile groups, and said he did not intend to form any such organization.

Once the titular leader of the Authentic Cuban Revolutionary party, Prío was constitutional president of Cuba from 1948 to 1952. He was overthrown by Dictator Fulgencio Batista in a bloodless

coup in March, 1952, only six months before his presidential term was to have ended.

Promises to Explain

After Castro's triumph over Batista two years ago, Prío returned to Cuba from exile in the United States and announced his retirement from political life. He had since been a supporter of Castro.

In his statement today, Prío said his political attitude of the last two years was in the interest of the "collective good." He did not elaborate but said he would some day explain his conduct.

Prío said that "no one should be surprised" at his approval of Castro's promises to improve the lot of the Cuban peasant. "But I must cite and repudiate his [Castro's] fundamental error — the evident communist face of his government," he said.