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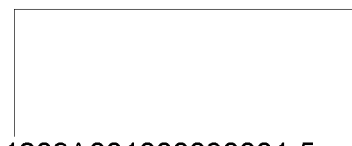
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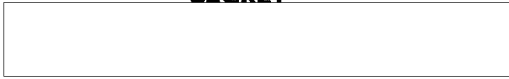
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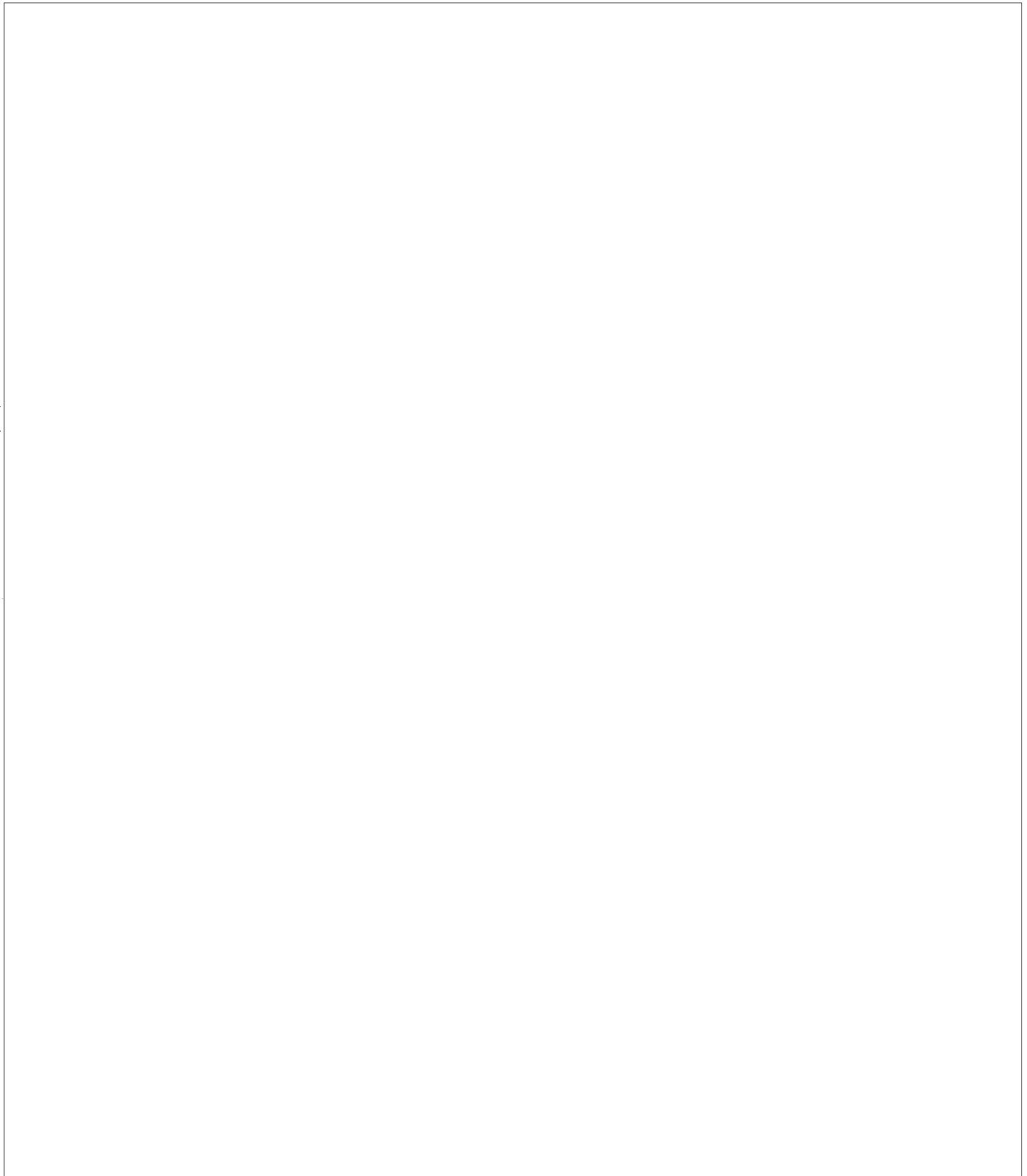
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Puerto Ricans Seize Chilean Consulate in Puerto Rico

The first political kidnaping in the history of Puerto Rico ended about 1100 on the 4th of July when two Puerto Rican dissidents released two Chilean hostages they had been holding in the Chilean Consulate in downtown San Juan. The attackers, a young man and woman, seized the Consulate at 1500 on 3 July, then immediately contacted the U.S. Department of State and the press and demanded the freedom of four Puerto Rican nationalists imprisoned in the U.S. and the cancellation of the Independence Day parade in San Juan.

The attackers originally claimed to have four members but later admitted to only two members. They insisted that they did not belong to any organized political party or known terrorist organization. The two were charged with kidnaping the Chilean Consul and were held on bail, one for U.S.\$500,000 and the other for U.S.\$250,000.

The pair had demanded the release of three Puerto Ricans held in federal prisons for the shooting attack on the House of Representatives on 1 March 1954 and another Puerto Rican who was convicted of attempting to assassinate President Truman on 1 November 1950.

Although there have been hundreds of acts of violence related to the movement for Puerto Rican independence, there has been very little bloodshed; exceptions were the demonstrations in 1970 and 1974 which left four persons dead and about 70 injured.

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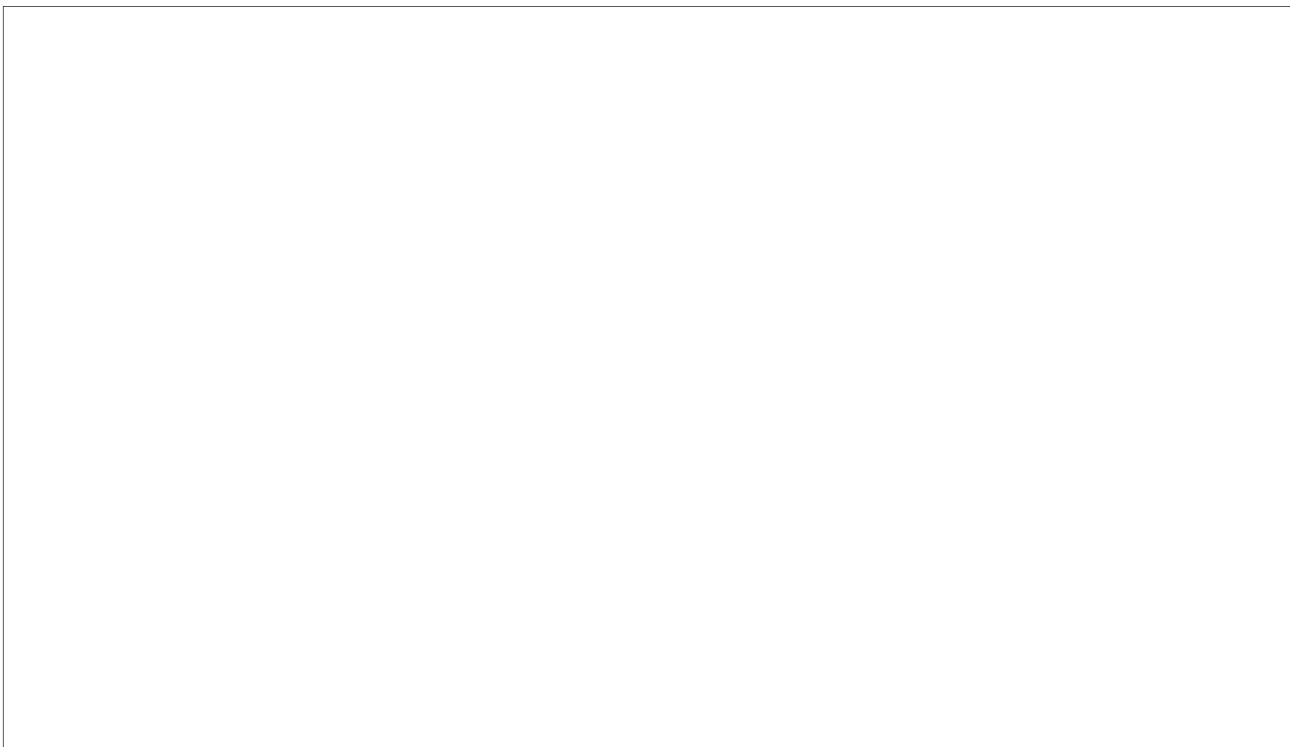
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Two German Terrorists Convicted in Switzerland

On 30 June two West German terrorists were found guilty of attempted murder and sentenced by a Swiss jury to jail terms of 15 and 11 years. Gabriele Kroecher-Tiedemann, who opened fire on two Swiss customs guards on 20 December 1977, was given a 15-year term. Christian Moeller, also involved in the same shoot-out, was given an 11-year sentence. Kroecher-Tiedemann, whose extradition the West Germans requested, will serve her sentence in Switzerland before being turned over to the West Germans. [redacted]

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Dutch Court Sentences South Moluccan Terrorists

On 30 June in Assen, Netherlands, a Dutch court sentenced three South Moluccan terrorists to jail for 15 years after convicting them of murder, unlawful detention of hostages, and illegal possession of firearms in connection with the March seizure of the provincial government building in Assen. [redacted] Two of the convic50X1-HUM are twenty years old, and the third is twenty-three.

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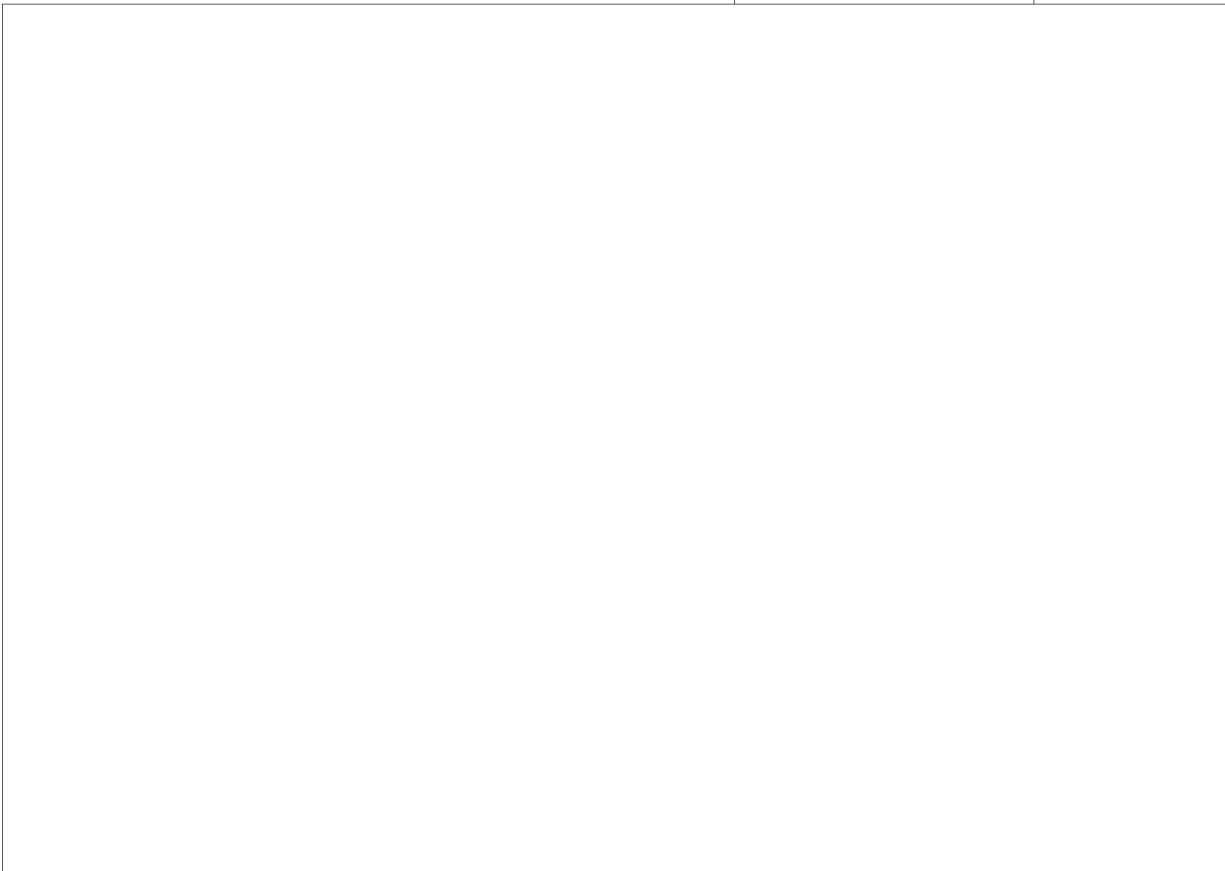


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The demands in the March hostage/barricade incident included the release of 21 imprisoned comrades convicted after previous hostage holding and killing attacks, a ransom of U.S.\$13 million, and a plane in which to leave the country. These demands differed from those in previous incidents in their omission of the demand that the Dutch Government negotiate with the Indonesians for an independent homeland for the South Moluccans living in the Netherlands. With 23 of their number now in jail (one imprisoned former leader committed suicide several weeks ago), and with the continued dissatisfaction of South Moluccan extremists in the Netherlands, another attempt to release prisoners and depart to a receptive country is a possibility with which Dutch security officials are presumably concerned.

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Fingerprints on JRA Letters Identified

Japanese officials have identified the fingerprints of Tohira Kazuo, a well-known member of the Japanese Red Army

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(JRA), on three of the letters which the JRA sent to Japanese passengers of Japan Air Lines (JAL) flight 472 which the JRA hijacked in September 1977. [Redacted]

Tohira has been tentatively identified as one of the hijackers of JAL flight 472. He was involved in The Hague incident of September 1974 and was released from jail in Japan during the August 1975 JRA Kuala Lumpur operation. Japanese officials surmise that Tohira is located in Beirut. [Redacted]

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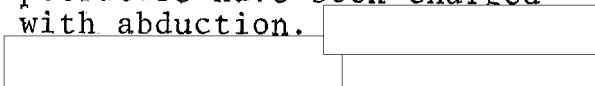
CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST ACTS

Date: 3 July 1978

Chilean Consul Held Hostage  
in Puerto Rico

Place: Puerto Rico,  
San Juan

On 3 July a man and a woman invaded the Chilean Consulate located in a bank building in San Juan. The Chilean Consul and another man who had been there on business were taken hostage. The hostages, both Chilean nationals, were released unharmed and the suspects surrendered 17 hours after the incident began. The pair had demanded freedom for four Puerto Ricans in prison in the U.S. for carrying out an armed attack on the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., and the attempted assassination of President Truman. The perpetrators have been charged with abduction.



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Ananda Marg Leader Acquitted

Ananda Marg leader Prabhat Ran Sarkar and four co-accused were acquitted on 4 July by a high court in eastern India of charges of criminal conspiracy and murder of six Ananda Marg defectors in 1970. The Ananda Marg is a political mystical sect founded and based in India which turned to terrorism to secure the release of Sarkar when he was detained in 1971 for the 1970 murders. Sarkar was imprisoned on a life sentence in November 1976. The United Proutist Revolutionary Federation, the political action arm of the Ananda Marg, has claimed responsibility for, or has been charged by Indian officials with, undertaking violent actions against Indian facilities and officials abroad. [REDACTED]

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Sarkar, however, remains in jail on other charges. In setting aside the 1976 conviction by a sessions court, the high court ruled that the prosecution had failed to substantiate the charges beyond a reasonable doubt. The court ordered that Sarkar and the others be released "unless they are required to be detained in any other case". According to press reports, three other cases are pending against Sarkar. He has already been granted bail in two of them, and on the third his attorneys are expected to move a petition for bail shortly. Until bail in the third case can be arranged or should Sarkar not be granted bail, the prospects for additional Ananda Marg terrorist actions will remain fairly strong.

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JRA Hijackers Expelled from Algeria

According to press accounts, Algerian officials recently told a visiting Japanese Government investigating mission that Algeria expelled the five Japanese Red Army (JRA) terrorists who hijacked JAL flight 472 on 28 September 1977.

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[Redacted] According to the Algerians, they expelled the terrorists one week after they surrendered in Algiers on 3 October. The Algerians refused to disclose where the hijackers went but did state that when the terrorists surrendered in Algiers they did not have the U.S.\$6 million ransom money they had been paid earlier.

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Date: 9 July 1978

Place: United Kingdom,  
England, London

Iraqi National Assassinated in  
England

On 9 July the former Prime Minister of Iraq was shot twice in the head and died later in the hospital in London. A doorman at a nearby hotel, a chauffeur and a taxi driver caught the gunman. Police later arrested a second man at Heathrow Airport as he was about to leave the country.

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Date: 10 July 1978

Place: United States,  
New York

Bomb Explosion at Intourist  
Office in New York

On 10 July a small bomb exploded in a stairwell near the office of the Soviet tourist agency Intourist in New York City. There were no injuries and little damage resulted. An anonymous telephone call to the office warning employees of the bomb was received after it had already exploded. United Press received a call from a man who claimed responsibility for the explosion for the Jewish Armed Resistance and said it was a protest against the trials of Jewish dissidents in the USSR.

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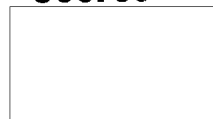
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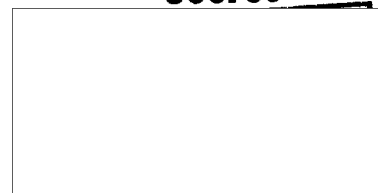


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Bonn Summit Agreement to Fight Terrorism

In a surprise move, the seven nations of the Bonn Economic Summit announced an agreement to cut off airline services to and from countries that refuse to extradite or prosecute hijackers or fail to return hijacked aircraft. The agreement was reportedly the result of a proposal by Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda which Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau then developed. Other states have been invited to join in this common undertaking against international terrorism. Numerous practical and legal problems remain to be solved, but the agreement is by far the toughest stand taken internationally in the fight against terrorism. The seven nations at the 13-17 July Bonn Summit were the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, France, Italy, Japan and West Germany.

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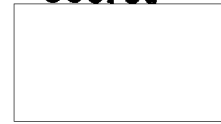


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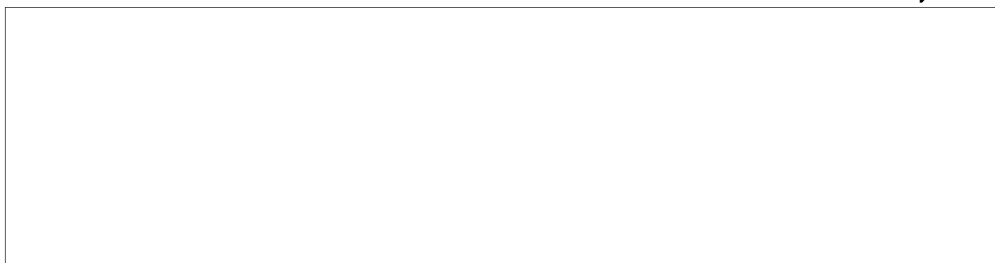
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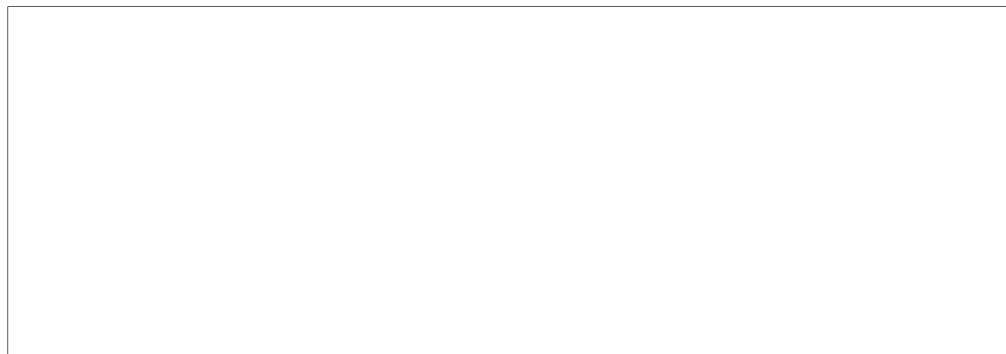
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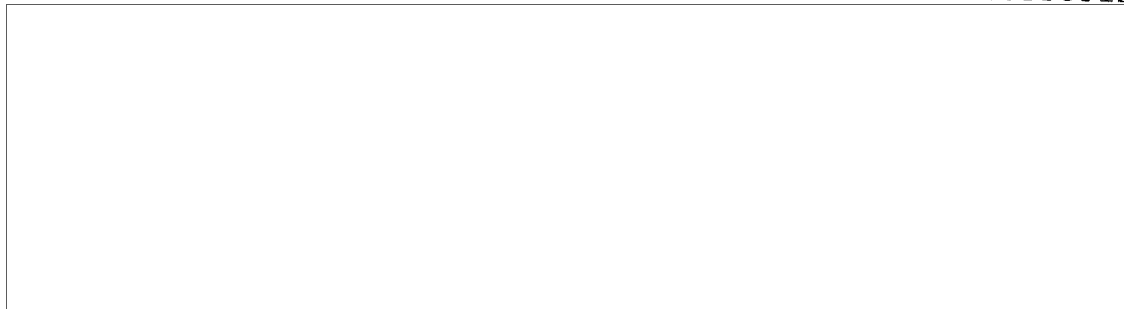
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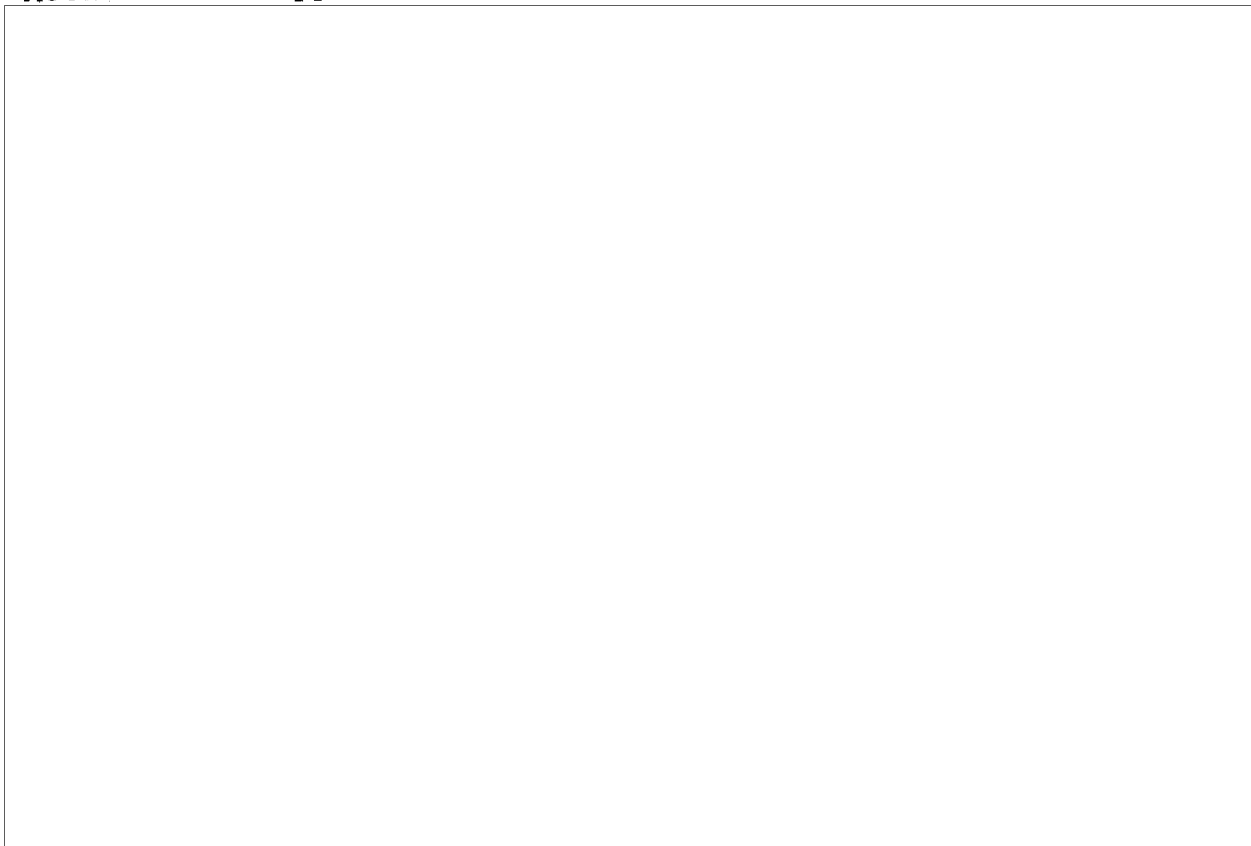
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Bombing of Supreme Court Building in Bern

On 14 July an explosion in the basement of the supreme court building in Bern, Switzerland, caused extensive damage and disrupted telephone communications. The building is adjacent to the prison holding convicted West German terrorists Gabriele Kroecher-Tiedemann and Christian Moeller. (See the issue of 5 July.) No injuries occurred because the building was evacuated after a woman called the post office and fire department to warn of the blast 30 minutes before the explosion. In subsequent letters to the press, the "20 December Movement" claimed credit for the explosion and protested the conditions of the terrorists' incarceration. 20 December was the day in 1977 when Kroecher-Tiedemann and Moeller were apprehended in Switzerland. (UNCLASSIFIED)



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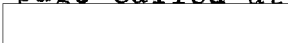
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Date: 19 July 1978  
Place: Nicaragua, Managua

Cookie Factory Bombed in Nicaragua  
During the morning of 19 July a bomb was thrown at the Industrias Nabisco Cristal S.A. in Managua. The management of the cookie and cracker factory (60% owned by the U.S. Nabisco Inc. company) reported no injuries and minimal damage. The incident was apparently connected to the fact that the firm's employees largely ignored a work stoppage which had been called. A similar bombing occurred in January/February during a work stoppage called at that time.



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Date: 23 July 1978  
Place: Colombia, Bogota

Explosion at the U.S. Embassy in Colombia  
On 23 July a small bomb exploded against the parking area wall of the U.S. Embassy compound. Minor damage to the base of a concrete wall resulted. No injuries were reported. Local news media received anonymous phone calls after the detonation claiming the Popular Liberation Army (EPL) was responsible.



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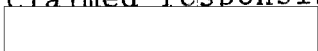
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Date: 24 July 1978

Explosion Near IBM Offices in Italy

Place: Italy, Turin

On 24 July a bomb exploded near the Turin offices of IBM. Damage to the front of the building resulted and windows in nearby apartments were broken. No injuries were reported. A group calling itself the Revolutionary Armed Squads (SAR) claimed responsibility.



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Date: 24 July 1978

Explosion at Guatemalan Embassy in El Salvador

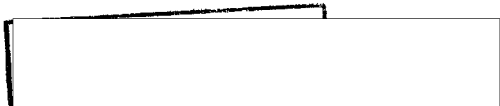
Place: El Salvador, San Salvador

During the early morning hours of 24 July an explosive device detonated near the Guatemalan Embassy in San Salvador. The mine-type device had been placed just over the wall separating the Embassy and the street. No injuries were reported; however, extensive property damage to the Embassy (including the Ambassador's office) resulted. It is suspected the Revolutionary Army of the People (ERP) is responsible for the incident.



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