

POLICE UNIT HUNTS BOMB SUPPLIERS

Acts After 8th Blast Rocks Midtown Foreign Offices

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Police Commissioner Howard R. Leary said yesterday that the police might be on the trail of persons supplying materials for bombs used in the current terrorist campaign against foreign diplomatic missions and tourist offices.

But he conceded that the special bomb squad created a few days ago — the first since the Mad Bomber episode of the nineteen-fifties—had failed to come up with any solid clues to the perpetrators of eight terror attacks in the last 11 weeks.

The latest blast shook the Yugoslav and Cuban missions to the United Nations early yesterday and provoked a diplomatic protest from the Yugoslavs.

'Group' Theory Unsubstantiated

Commissioner Leary told a news conference that there was nothing to substantiate a theory that the bombings were the work of an anti-Castro Cuban group, or any single group at all.

The police had observed "some differences" in the bombings, but Commissioner Leary declined to reveal the differences.

As for the suppliers, he said: "We suspect who these persons may be."

The theory that anti-Castro Cubans were involved was supported by the fact that all the bombed missions and tourist offices belonged to nations that traded with Havana.

In the latest incident a bomb, described by Assistant Fire Chief Henry Junge as being of "fairly heavy size," was planted on a fourth-floor fire-escape of a residence at 4 East Sixty-seventh Street, next to the Yugoslav mission at 854 Fifth Avenue.

It exploded shortly after 1 A.M., shattering every window of the Yugoslav mission and causing minor damage to the Cuban mission at 6 East Sixty-seventh Street. It blasted a crater eight inches deep and two feet square on the wall of the private residence, where Arthur Desser, a realty man, his wife, Linda, their son, Keith, 16, and some visitors were shaken but not injured.

Yugoslavs File Protest

There were no injuries in the two missions, but the Yugoslavs made an official protest and put out a press release recalling a wave of bombings against Yugoslav missions as the United States in 1967.

The press release, read by Dragoslav Pejic, First Secretary also noted that the mission building was "an historic landmark under the protection of the City of New York." Actually the building, the former mansion of R. Livingston Beekman, built in 1905, has only been proposed for landmark designation by the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

"Persons who were in the building at the time of the explosion suffered serious shock," Mr. Pejic said. "This attack was carried on against a permanent mission of a member state of the United Nations, in relation to which the United States Government, as a host country to the U.N., has undertaken special responsibilities.

"Therefore, the authorities of the United States are responsible for securing normal conditions for the work and functioning of the mission.

"It is well known that this is not the first time that American authorities have neglected their duties to insure

normal conditions for the work of the Yugoslav mission in the United States.

"The Yugoslav mission to the United States expect that effective measures will be undertaken by the United States authorities to put an end to such criminal acts against the Yugoslav diplomatic missions."

Earlier the Yugoslav chargé d'affaires, Zivojin Jazic, conferred with Ambassador Richard F. Pedersen, Deputy Permanent United States Representative to the United Nations.

An American spokesman said that Mr. Jazic made no mention of any injuries or "shock" to Yugoslav personnel, nor of the previous bombings of the Yugoslav Embassy in Washington and of Yugoslav consulates in San Francisco, Chicago and New York in January, 1967.

Ambassador Pedersen told Mr. Jazic that the Police Department had promised additional protection to foreign missions.

In the current bombings, Canadian, Mexican, Spanish and Japanese offices have been

hit, and a sign reading "Cuban Power" was found outside after a blast at the Spanish office.

The outbreak began April 22 when small bombs went off two hours apart outside the Mexican Consulate on 41st Street, and the Spanish National Tourist Office on Fifth Avenue.

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