

# 2 Cuban storefronts bombed

Just before midnight last night two Hudson County Cuban establishments were bombed. The terrorist group Omega 7 called the Associated Press to claim responsibility for the two explosions and a bombing at John F. Kennedy International Airport in Queens last night.

No one was injured in the Hudson County incidents, but four persons were hurt at Kennedy.

In Weehawken, police Lt. Albert Hanson said a bomb exploded in the New Jersey Cuban Social Club at 4912 Park Ave. at 11:15, blowing out windows for a one-block radius and causing extensive damage to neighboring stores.

In Union City, Almacen El Espanol, an agency at 3604 New York Ave. which arranges the shipment of medicines to Cuba was bombed just minutes after the Weehawken explosion.

## Terrorist group Omega 7 claims responsibility

Eulalio Negrin, the director of the New Jersey Cuban Social Club, said "I think anti-Castro radicals, with the OK of local mafia, performed the sabotage against the poor in this area. They pick on anyone fighting for human rights."

Negrin said he thinks the bombings are retaliation for his participation in negotiations with Cuban Premier Fidel Castro for the release of prisoners last fall.

Lt. Albert Hanson, at the scene of the Park Avenue bombing, said, "We're lucky no one was hurt, even the bar next door was closed."

A resident of an apartment above Almacen El Espanol, Doris Alejandro, said the superintendent in her building had told her earlier in the day that for the first time in six years

the fire extinguisher was missing from the hallway.

Late last night police were running down reports of other bombings, including an unconfirmed report that there was a bomb planted at the Holy Family Church, where Father Andres Reyes was also active in political prisoner negotiations with Castro.

Last December Negrin negotiated the release of 400 Cuban political prisoners with Castro. Hudson County Cuban exile leaders at the time denounced Negrin and Reyes as "traitors."

Police reported last night that the FBI had warned the Holy Family Church earlier in the week that the building might be blown up.

PSE&G officials, the Fort Monmouth bomb

squad, the FBI and local fire departments where all reportedly getting ready to investigate the nature and cause of the explosions last night.

At Almacen El Espanol a sign hanging in the window reads: "Order here today your medicine for Cuba."

On December 20, 1977, when Almacen El Espanol was located down the block, at 3504 New York Ave., a bomb shattered the glass front door but caused no other damage or injuries. Responsibility for that blast was also claimed by Omega 7.

In a related incident last night, a suitcase exploded in a Trans World Airlines baggage area at Kennedy International Airport only minutes before it was to be placed on a flight to Los Angeles, police said. Four people were injured.

The source of the blast, a "suitcase-like device," was apparently in baggage destined for TWA flight 17 to Los Angeles,