

Omega 7 Uses Bombs for a Cause

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WEEHAWKEN, N.J. — "Omega 7 is nothing but a name," said Eulalio José Negrin. He spoke at an office filled with rubble. There were twisted metal folding chairs, immigration forms for Cuban refugees and calling cards identifying him as the head of the New Jersey Cuban Program, established here a few months ago.

A Cuban and an American flag hung from the plaster walls of the single-room, storefront office that had been bombed late the night before, presumably by the clandestine anti-Castro organization Omega 7.

The bombing was one of three last week. The other targets were a pharmacy in adjacent Union City that has shipped medical supplies to Cuba and a suitcase bound for Los Angeles on a Trans World Airlines flight. The airline has been involved in charter flights to Cuba for American tourists.

According to Federal investigators, Omega 7 is a pseudonym used by members of the Cuban Nationalist Movement, an anti-Castro organization based in the New York-New Jersey area. Three members of this group have been convicted in the bombing death of Orlando Letelier, the former Chilean Ambassador. Omega 7 has claimed responsibility for 12 bombings in the metropolitan area since early 1975 and has recently appeared to widen its scope of targets.

Last October, for example, a blast occurred in the offices of El Diario-La

Prensa, the Spanish-language newspaper, which habitually seeks to avoid becoming enmeshed in the political feuds of its diverse Hispanic constituencies. The paper, however, had given editorial backing to measures allowing Cubans here to return to their native island on visits.

There are more than 30 Cuban organizations, based mostly in New Jersey, that identify with the anti-Castro cause. But unlike Omega 7, most of them limit themselves to making scathing denunciations of President Castro in Spanish-language media, which include many limited-circulation newspapers distributed in grocery stores, restaurants and social clubs.