

# Cubans claim luggage, N.J. blasts

NEW YORK (AP)—A suitcase on its way to an airplane blew up and two New Jersey buildings were bombed in what apparently is a new terrorist assault by anti-Castro Cubans.

The blasts Sunday night were claimed by an anti-Castro group known as Omega 7, according to a telephone call received by the Associated Press. The male caller, speaking with a Spanish accent, promised "similar actions will continue."

Police said a bag containing at least three sticks of dynamite exploded in the Trans World Airlines baggage area at Kennedy Airport at 8:48 p.m. The suitcase was among luggage that workers were preparing to take to TWA Flight 17 with 181 passengers aboard, waiting on the runway for takeoff to Los Angeles at 9 p.m.

Four baggage handlers suffered minor injuries from the blast, which police and airline officials said probably would have caused substantial damage had it detonated inside the jet's baggage compartment.

Passengers were evacuated from the plane as local and federal authorities searched for additional explosives and for

the person who checked the bag onto the flight. Passengers reboarded and the plane left five hours late.

Several calls warning of the bomb were received by various police agencies and TWA, but all the calls came after the device had exploded, prompting speculation that it triggered prematurely.

"It was our intention to blow up the plane and not injure anyone," the caller to the AP said.

In New Jersey, explosions about two hours after the Kennedy blast damaged the offices of the New Jersey Cuban Program in Weehawken and the Elmaceen Pharmacia in Union City.

Windows were shattered within a block of the Weehawken blast and the shock wave was felt for 25 blocks.

Union City police said a stick of dynamite apparently had been detonated near the door to the Elmaceen Pharmacia, which officers said had been bombed once before this year.

The three sites were attacked because they were "operating in mutual agreement with the tyranny of Fidel Castro," the caller said.

TWA has flown to Cuba, the Cuban Program is working to free political prisoners in that country and Elmaceen Pharmacia exports medical products to Cuba.