



The Rev. Andres Reyes, left, of Holy Family Church, Union City, and Jose Negrin complain that police and the FBI failed to prevent bombings by anti-Castro group.

# Priest hits cops for doing nothing to prevent blasts

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A Union City priest has denounced the local police and the FBI for not being able to prevent the Sunday night bombings allegedly triggered by Omega 7, an extremist anti-Castro group.

Speaking from the bombed-out offices of the New Jersey Cuban Refugee Program at 4912 Park Ave., Weehawken, the Rev. Andres Reyes, of Holy Family Church, Union City, said yesterday that he had received numerous death threats, which he had reported to local police.

Reyes complained that the FBI

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also knew of the Omega 7 plans to bomb the Weehawken office, the Almacen pharmaceutical house in Union City and a site on Kennedy Boulevard.

"We could have never forewarned anyone about those bombings and we have limited manpower," said Union City Police Chief Herman Bolte.

"We do as much as we can within our means. I think it was a little unfair that we were never given an opportunity to defend the department. I

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# Priest says cops told of threats

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believe Reyes and Jose Negrin are just out to get publicity now," he added. The FBI had no comment.

Reyes has been supporting the work of Negrin, director of the Cuban Refugee Program in Weehawken, and he believed that both Negrin and himself have been receiving the death threats because they were part of a team that met last December with Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

The priest said that the talks led to the release of 3,000 "political" prisoners from the communist island.

"All I can do is continue helping the people," said Reyes. He added that he was speaking as an individual and not on behalf of the church, but he asserted that he was supported by the Newark Archdiocese in his work with the Cuban community.

Negrin claimed that he had

spoken to three members of Omega 7 several months ago at an informal meeting in which he asked that his Weehawken operation be left alone and that he had left the session believing he had succeeded.

The director, who had been an unsuccessful candidate in a Union City election, said that one of the men called him on the telephone Monday night, after the bombing. Negrin said that he refused to talk to him.

Asked if one of the men were either Jose Suarez or Virgilio Pablo Paz, suspects in the bomb-slaying of Chilean diplomat Orlando Letelier and in the North Hudson bombings, Negrin first hedged a few seconds and then said: "The FBI has the names."

Both Reyes and Negrin claim that the anti-Castro terrorists are a fringe group in the Cuban community and an embarrassment to their fellow

countrymen.

Negrin said that the Weehawken office, which aids Cubans and other Hispanics in administrative functions including immigration and naturalization problems, will operate again in the future.

In response to reports that area residents were having insurance difficulties as a result of the bombing, Negrin said that he had received assurances of support from people living in the neighborhood.

The bombings Sunday were believed to be in response to the sentencing Friday in a Washington federal district court of three Hudsonites for their parts in the killing of Letelier.

They are Alvin Ross, 45, and Guillermo Novo, 39, two Union City men who received life terms, and Novo's brother, Ignacio, 47, of Jersey City, who received eight years.