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Bomb blast at Soviet UN Mission

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NEW YORK—A bomb reported to have been set by the anti-Castro Omega 7 terrorist group exploded at the Soviet Mission to the United Nations here Tuesday night, injuring four policemen and four mission employes.

Hundreds of windows of nearby buildings were shattered.

None of the injured appeared to have been seriously hurt, but Soviet officials refused to allow American doctors into the mission to examine the injured employes.

Three of the policemen were cut by flying glass. Police said a fourth policeman may have suffered a heart attack when the blast rocked the mission on East 67th Street.

POLICE SAID the bomb exploded 15 feet down the driveway of the mission's garage, blasting a hole the size of a manhole in the pavement and exposing the floor below.

The explosion also shattered windows as high as the 17th story of nearby buildings, sending a shower of glass cascading to the street.

"It blew the pages right out of the book I was reading," said Mrs. Joel I. Friedman, who said she was in her eighthfloor apartment across the street from the 12story mission, when her windows were shattered by the blast.

"I saw police officers lying in the street and I heard a couple of guys screaming," said Lt. Owen Burns.



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A New York police officer cries out in pain in the rear of a patrol car as he was taken to a hospital after being hurt in a bomb explosion at the Soviet Mission to the United Nations. The bomb, believed to have been set by the anti-Castro Omega 7 terrorist group, injured three other police officers and four mission employes. Story on Page 6.

THREE OF THE injured policemen reportedly were coming out of the station when the bomb went off and the fourth was on guard duty at the mission.

About 40 minutes after the blast, a national wire news service reported it had received an anonymnous call saying that the bomb had been set by Omega 7 as "repudiation of Soviet colonialism."

Omega 7 is a terrorist group that has claimed responsibility for dozens of bombings along the East Coast and recently claimed to have murdered a Cuban exile who worked with the Committee of 75, a group dedicated to arranging prisoner exchanges with Cuba.