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On Jan. 12 American Express announced it was writing off loans to Latin American corporations, as part of a new plan to close out all such transactions. The diversified financial services company said that it will add \$350 million in the fourth quarter of the year to compensate for the loan write-offs. At that time, reserves created to cover bad loans by American Express will total \$778 million, equivalent to 10% of its commercial transaction loans to the Third World. (Basic data from AP, 01/12/88)

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