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On Dec. 26, a new death squad in El Salvador threatened to assassinate leftist politicians and union leaders unless guerrillas reduce the scale of the insurgency. The Revolutionary Anticomunist Extermination Action distributed a communique containing threats against several political leaders, including Guillermo Ungo, presidential candidate of the Democratic Convergence, a recently formed leftwing coalition. The communique also threatened other groups, including mothers of those who have disappeared in mysterious circumstances. The new death squad stated that it would "execute one communist leader" for each Salvadoran mayor who resigned as a result of threats by the guerrillas. (Basic data from AFP, 12/26/88)

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