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In an April 3 communique, the Nicaraguan Defense Ministry said the Honduran military opened machine-gun and mortar fire on a Sandinista Army frontier post in the La Piedra sector of Nueva Segovia department. Last week, said the Ministry, army posts in the same department came under fire several times from Honduran territory. Nicaraguan frontier posts do not respond to provocations from across the border. The recent incident in the La Piedra area, said the Ministry, was the 41st cross-border provocation since Jan. 1. (Basic data from Tass, 04/04/89)

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