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Oct. 25: Police reported the explosion of a car bomb located near an entrance to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China. At about the same time on Lima's Salaverry Avenue, an unidentified assailant launched a dynamite explosive at a vehicle belonging to the Soviet Embassy. Police said the attacks were likely perpetrated by Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerrillas. Police and army units arrested about 100 persons in the Miraflores and San Isidro suburbs for questioning. A car bomb exploded near a building housing a private clinic, and lodgings for members of the US Army. The explosion caused material damage, but no injuries. Oct. 28: Police reported that in Palca, 155 miles east of Lima, guerrillas assassinated three mayoral candidates after a "people's trial" in the town plaza. The guerrillas then traveled to the nearby town of Vilca and shot to death two councilmen. Police reported that guerrillas wearing military uniforms entered San Cristobal de Humanagana University in Ayacucho and used explosives to destroy laboratories, the student dining room, the printing shop and a garage where 19 vehicles burned. No casualties were reported. In Huacho, located 80 miles northwest of Lima, police reported that a car bomb exploded in the downtown area, wounding one passerby and shattering windows. The city council building in Chilca, 140 miles east of Lima, was burned by fire bombs, according to police. Oct. 29: According to a communique by the Political Military Command of the Emergency Zone in Ayacucho, army troops killed 27 Sendero Luminoso guerrillas on Oct. 28 in a battle near the village of Pariajasa. Two soldiers were wounded. Pariajasa is located 53 miles north of Ayacucho. Government sources say at least 120 mayors, candidates and local officials have been killed by Sendero Luminoso thus far in 1989, and many others have resigned. The guerrillas are attempting to disrupt the Nov. 12 municipal elections. Oct. 30: Nelson Giha Gonzalez, a Peruvian police commander assigned to the international police organization INTERPOL was killed in a Lima suburb. Suspected guerrilla gunmen riddled his car with machinegun fire as he was driving his daughter to school, said police. The daughter escaped unharmed. (Basic data from Notimex, 10/26/89; AP, 10/29/89; AFP, 10/30/89)

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