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July 7: In a broadcast over Radio Venceremos, the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) said it would escalate military operations as part of an "offensive for peace" to promote serious negotiations by the government in the next round of peace talks. July 10: In a telephone call to radio station YSU, the "Modesto Ramirez" urban commando of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) said its members shot Maj. Carlos Alfonso Figueroa to death on Monday. The armed forces press office confirmed the death of the 42-year-old major, who was the head of the army's legal section. Rebels also injured four members of the National Guard Monday in an ambush in San Salvador and wounded two soldiers in Santa Ana department, said the press office. According to military sources, six rebels were wounded in sporadic fighting in San Vicente department. The press office also announced that the army had created a human rights office to investigate alleged abuses by members of the armed forces and gave orders regarding the treatment of anyone detained by security forces or soldiers. (Basic data from AFP, 07/10/90)

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