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BREAK-UP OF FIRST MILITARY COMMANDO GROUP OF ETA VI ASSEMBLY

Bilbao, 14. The first military commando group of the ETA VI Revolutionary Assembly has been broken up by the Civil Guard as the result of an investigation carried out following an attempted hold-up of the Bolueta Foundry, Inc., May 9.

The commando group was made up of two of the perpetrators of the attempted hold-up, Gregorio Martínez García and María Josefa Ana Leceartua Goñi, both of whom were arrested by the Civil Guard the same day. Later the woman succeeded in fleeing while she was being interrogated. Two other participants in the attempted hold-up fled successfully, when they realized their compañeros had been detained.

Gregorio Martínez García, alias Daniel, a 27-year-old native of Baracaldo -- near Bilbao -- is a machinist and has been married approximately a year to María Josefa Leceartua, alias Fifi, a 21-year-old native of Bilbao and a student. Both were members of the military commando group of the ETA VI Assembly/Liga Comunista Revolucionaria and had been recruited by ETA in 1971 by Julián Abad Rodríguez, who has fled to France.

Later, after their recruitment, they remained "in limbo" until they formed the commando group. The first operation of this group was not carried off, since the robbers were arrested by the Civil Guard. To plan the hold-up they had held a meeting with another military commando group fifteen days ago, where they were told that they would have to carry out an action. They were given a Colt 48 revolver and a Firebird pistol. One day earlier they received concrete instructions for the hold-up.

First thing on the morning of May 9 they went to the Bolueta Foundry, Inc. with two other individuals, and, as reported earlier the Civil Guard succeeded in discovering the projected hold-up and in arresting two of those who were going to participate in it.

The two were taken to the offices of the Civil Guard. María Josefa Ana Leceartua, in spite of being handcuffed, managed to escape when she was being interrogated in the information service. When she was alone for a minute in the headquarters, she opened the window and jumped from a height of ten feet to the outside. The guard there could not shoot for fear of injuring some children who were playing nearby and the girl succeeded in escaping. Up to the moment she has not been located.

Through the investigations begun by this service of the Civil Guard, two other arrests have been carried out of presumed members of ETA and it has been learned that in Guipúzcoa and Bilbao two other military commando groups of ETA VI/Liga Comunista Revolucionaria are functioning. Their mission is to carry out robberies of businesses and banks to get money with which to buy arms.

The military commando group in Bilbao has been broken up

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and at this time attempts are being made to find the Guipúzcoa group. -- Cifra.