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**DIST 30 AUGUST 1968**

**COUNTRY: MEXICO**

**DOI: 29 AUGUST 1968**

**SUBJECT: MEXICO CITY SITREP**

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**SOURCE:**

1. FOLLOWING THE STUDENT OUTBREAK IN THE ZOCALO ON 23 AUGUST 1968, THERE HAVE BEEN FEW REPORTS CONCERNING ANY TYPE OF STUDENT ACTIVITY. THE LOCAL PRESS CARRIED EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF THE STUDENT DESECRATION OF THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL AND THE MEXICAN FLAG IN THE ZOCALO, AND THE CONSEQUENT GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED CEREMONY OF VINDICATION.

2. A RUMOR PREVALENT THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF A GASOLINE STRIKE HAS NOT PROVED TRUE BUT HAS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE

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TRAFFIC JAMS AS EVERYONE HAS RUSHED TO FILL UP HIS AUTOMOBILE TANK.

3. THE PROFESSORS' COORDINATIVE COMMITTEE MET AT THE NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO (UNAM) ON THE MORNING OF 29 AUGUST TO TAKE A DECISION WITH REGARD TO THE ARREST OF HEBERTO CASTILLO MARTINEZ, UNAM PROFESSOR, LEADER OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT (MLN), AND A LEADING ADULT AGITATOR. TEACHERS OF THE UNAM FACULTY OF POLITICAL SCIENCES CALLED AN URGENT MEETING FOR 1900 HOURS TO ANALYZE THE CURRENT SITUATION. THEY FEAR THAT THE GOVERNMENT DESIRES TO END THE PROBLEM ONCE AND FOR ALL BEFORE 1 SEPTEMBER AND THAT THE SITUATION COULD DEGENERATE INTO VERY VIOLENT CLASHES, GIVEN THE HIGHLY ANGERED STATE OF THE STUDENTS.

4. AT 0500 HOURS A BAND OF ARMED MEN BROKE INTO VOCATIONAL SCHOOL 79 SEVEN OF THE NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE (IPN), CHASED THE STUDENTS OUT, AND SHOT OUT SOME OF THE WINDOWS, ALL THE WHILE SHOUTING "VIVA DIAZ ORDAZ." THEIR IDENTITY HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED, ALTHOUGH THE REPORT HAS BEEN CIRCULATED THAT THEY BELONGED TO THE ARMY OR SOME GOVERNMENT AGENCY.

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COMMENT: THIS INCIDENT STIRRED UP THE SITUATION AGAIN THOUGH NOT TO THE BOILING POINT.) AS OF 1730 HOURS TROOPS ARE TO BEGIN OCCUPYING THIS VOCATIONAL SCHOOL. SINCE THE IPN HAS NO AUTONOMY, IT IS NOT AS "TOUCHY" AS IF IT WERE A UNAM PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

5. SOME DOCTORS ARE MEETING DURING THE AFTERNOON IN THE CITY HOSPITALS TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE STUDENTS' DEMANDS WITH A SLOWDOWN STRIKE.

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