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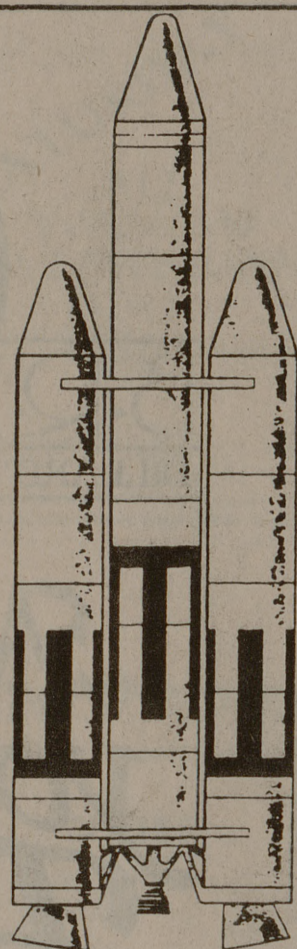
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Israelis arrest hundreds, hope to stop rebellions

JERUSALEM (AP) — The army made overnight raids throughout the occupied lands Wednesday, arresting hundreds of Palestinians in its latest strategy for ending a rebellion in which more than 100 Arabs and an Israeli soldier have been killed.

Israeli warplanes flew their second raid in six days against guerrilla targets in south Lebanon.

Arab reports said about 500 Palestinians were rounded up in the

sweep. Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin said 3,000 have been detained since riots began Dec. 8 in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Soldiers shot and wounded an Arab protester in Gaza's Jabaliya refugee camp, officials at Shifa Hospital reported. They also said a Palestinian from the Deir al Balah camp had serious head injuries from a beating.

According to U.N. figures, 107 Palestinians have been killed since

the violence began, nearly all by Israeli army gunfire or beatings. An Israeli soldier was shot to death by an Arab last weekend.

The number of major protests and street battles has declined dramatically in recent days. Rabin has reiterated tough Israeli policies of military rest and economic sanctions.

India protested Israel's latest match in Israel by its Davis Cup team scheduled for next month.

Foreign ministry orders diplomat to leave Panama

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — A U.S. diplomat was given 48 hours to leave Panama on Wednesday, the third day of a general strike that has virtually shut down the country but not loosened Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega's grip on power.

David Miller, an economics counselor, was the second American diplomat ordered out by the Foreign Ministry, which gave no reason for its decision.

In Washington, the State Department said Wednesday night it would ignore the order because the United States considers the government that issued it illegitimate.

The Ministry gave the same reason when it decided to reject the previous order against Terence Kneebone, head of the U.S. Information Service in Panama, who remains in the country.

Panama is out of cash because Washington cut off the supply of U.S. dollars, the Panamanian national currency, in its effort to drive

Noriega into exile.

Federal grand juries in Florida decided to indict Noriega last month on narcotics and money laundering charges.

A U.S. medical battalion truck returning from maneuvers with a dozen soldiers was surrounded and stopped by national police after straying onto a city highway Wednesday afternoon.

The truck and men were held for an hour at the roadside, then taken to Fort Amador, a Panamanian base with a U.S. liaison.

A Panamanian soldier outside the military police office where the Americans were taken would not allow reporters inside and said the incident was being handled as an administrative process.

Under the treaties between the United States and Panama, such military trucks are prohibited outside of the former Canal Zone.

Sandinista soldiers enter Honduras

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — A reported 300 Nicaraguan troops entered Honduran territory Wednesday in the same region where Sandinista soldiers last week, a Honduran military source said.

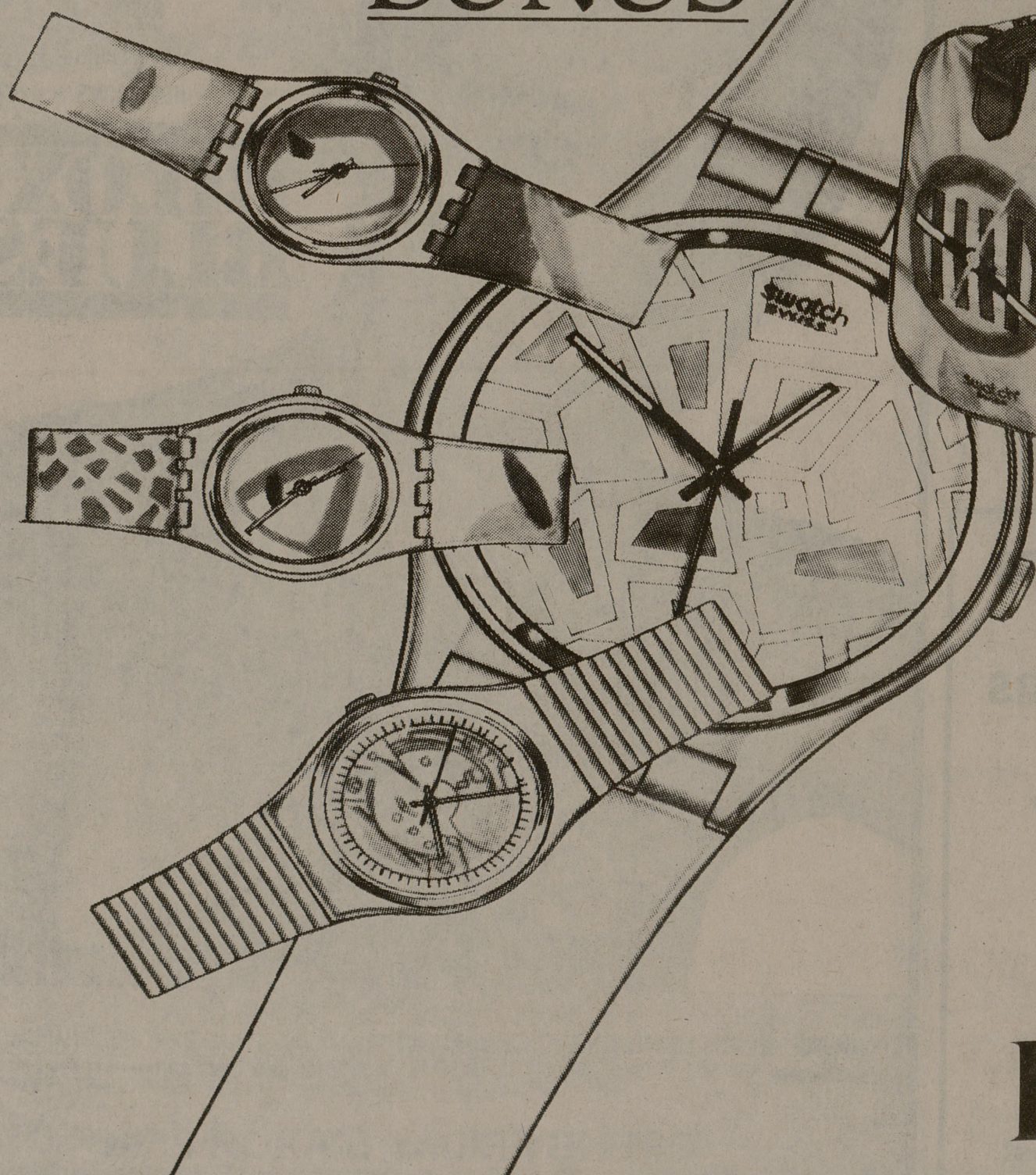
"We don't know the purpose of this new entry and violation of Honduran territory, but the situation is being studied by the high command," the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said.

"It's a matter of small groups of Sandinistas. Because of that, the state of alert continues in all combat units of the Honduran forces," he said.

The location was given as the Andres de Bocay region in Olancho province, but no other details were available.

In Washington, a government source speaking on condition of anonymity said there had been unconfirmed reports that an estimated 100 Sandinista soldiers had entered Honduras.

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