

# Plot Seen In Mexico Violence

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Sources close to President Luis Echeverria Alvarez indicated today that there was a direct relationship between the highly organized force that killed a number of student demonstrators here Thursday and this city's municipal government.

Most Mexican newspapers are now calling the attackers "falcons." About 1,000 of them, carrying weapons but unidentified and wearing civilian clothes, fired on the demonstrators, beat them, and kidnaped some of them.

A federal government source indicated that the Falcons had been organized by the Mexico City government to carry out para-police functions such as controlling Mexico City's myriad street vendors.

Thursday's demonstration and the subsequent violence represents a major challenge to the six-month-old Echeverria government.

Echeverria is regarded as a potentially dangerous liberal by factions within the governing Institutional Revolutionary Party. It is considered possible here that those elements organized the attack on the students to embarrass the president.

Echeverria met this morning with Attorney General Julio Sanchez Vargas to discuss the situation and the "detailed investigation" promised yesterday by the president.

According to today's papers seven persons have now been listed as dead by city officials. Others count nine or more. The seven were identified as four students, two mechanics and a carpenter. Thirty-five persons are still reported missing.

Since becoming president, Echeverria has challenged the most powerful and traditionally sacrosanct sectors of Mexican society—the industrialists and the large landowners.

He also sided with students in a recent dispute over the administration of Nuevo Leon University in Monterrey.

Some elements within the party believe he is moving much too fast in the direction of reform—especially in agriculture and education.

In Mexico, which is effectively a one-party state although there are other small and ineffectual opposition parties, serious opposition comes from within the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party. If Echeverria is to handle the current situation effectively, he will have to deal with these dissident elements in his party.

The mayor of Mexico City, Alfonso Martinez Dominguez, whose power has been likened by one observer to that of Chicago's Mayor Richard J. Daley, is considered to be aligned with the right wing of the party.

One reporter Thursday witnessed conversations between the Falcons and municipal riot police before the Falcons began firing their rifles and submachine guns into the crowd.

There were hundreds of policemen at the scene, but they did not intervene to stop the shooting or beating of students and bystanders.

The large-circulation newspaper La Prensa reported that the municipal police contend that the main group involved in the attack was MURO, a right-wing organization that has been involved in clashes with students before. La Prensa quoted the police as saying that the style of attack—closed formations, strident shouts and the use of varied weapons—was characteristic of the group's mode of operation.

There has been no police response as to why they did not intervene in Thursday's clash.