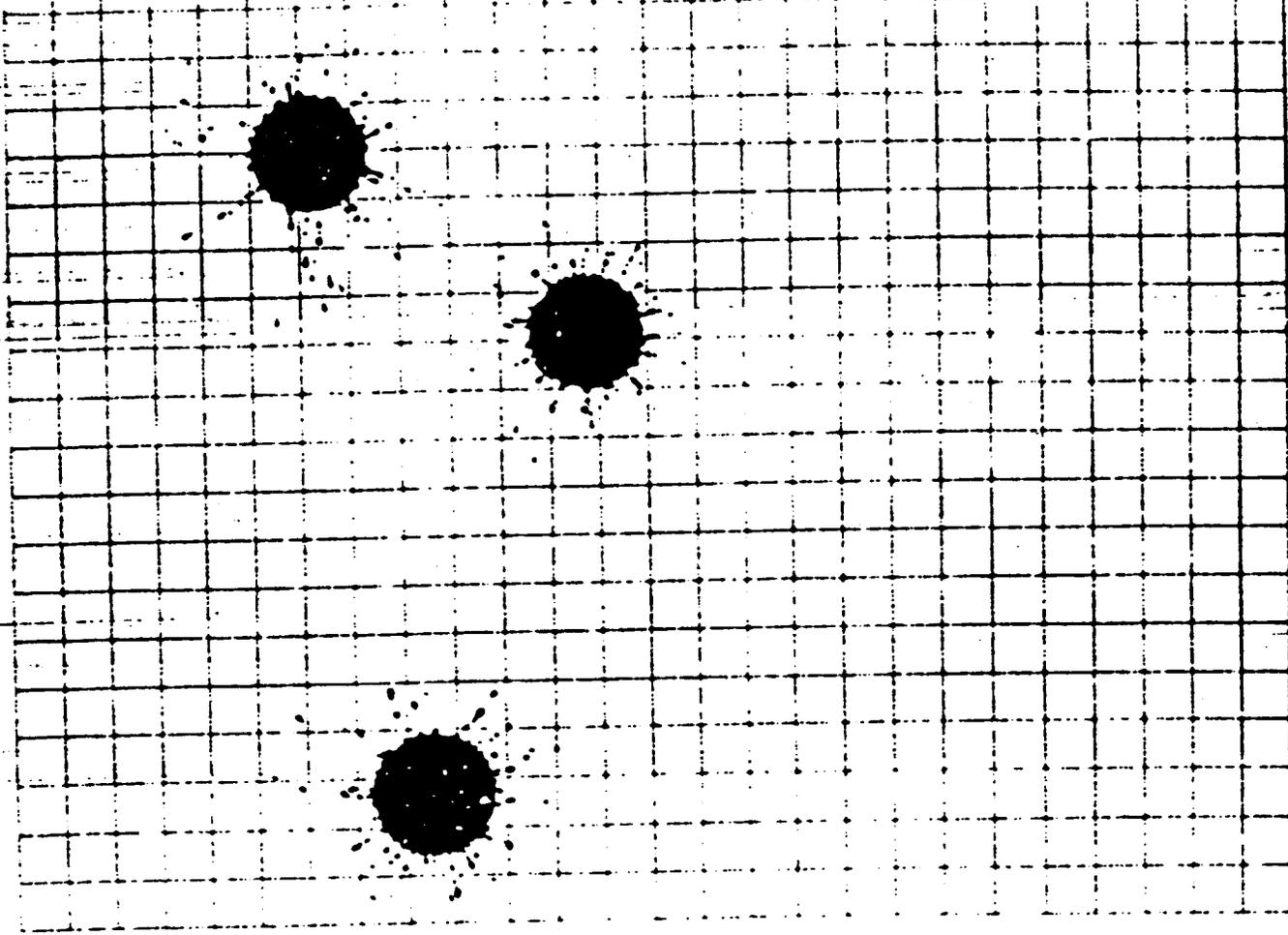


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### **American Priest Murdered in Guatemala**

Brother James Alfred Miller, an American Christian Brothers missionary from Wisconsin, was shot and killed at 1630 hours on 13 February as he was repairing a wall of the De La Salle Indian House in Huehuetenango, Guatemala. Miller was struck by several bullets in the chest and neck when four unidentified men opened fire on him from a car and then sped off.

The Christian Brothers order has facilities in five locations in Guatemala, three of which have U.S. citizens in residence. The location and number are: Chiquimula (3), Guatemala City (1), and Huehuetenango (4). The Christian Brothers, also known as the La Salle Brothers Order of the Catholic Church, mission is built around schools to teach the poor. In his last position Miller known as Brother Santiago, provided care and education for some 150 young Indians of the Guatemalan highlands who are in training to be teachers in the rural, Indian areas of Guatemala.

Miller had arrived in Guatemala in 1981. He is the third American clergymen to have been slain in Guatemala since 28 July 1981. (See the issues of 5, 12, and 19 August and 16 September 1981 and 13 January 1982 for related articles.) The Guatemalan Government had decided on 12 February that because of the increased danger to foreign clergy in Guatemala, it would no longer permit religious workers to enter the country as missionaries unless they had permanent residence status. In the past, many missionaries had entered with tourist cards and sought to adjust their status after their arrival. The new order requires prior sponsorship and permits to enter and exit Guatemala; it applies to all religious workers regardless of affiliation.

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