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Colombia: The devastated City of Cali

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Colombia: This is Cali, the boom centre of a South American Republic - rich with oil and mineral resources. Stream-lined office blocks and homes vied with the modern hospital, as proud monuments to ^{industrial} ~~industrial~~ progress until...the city was shattered overnight, in one terrifying flash of disaster.

Seven lorries, carrying thirty-five tons of dynamite, had exploded in an Army barracks, bringing death and ~~injury to over a thousand~~ ^{INJURY TO OVER A THOUSAND.}

~~Magnificent~~

Huge fires followed, and ~~throughout~~ ^{throughout} this terrible night, ambulances and rescue workers rushed to the scene of disaster.

By first light, the gruesome search for casualties began, amid a devastation that was once, eight streets, twenty hotels, and hundreds of workers' homes. ~~the cause of the explosion is being investigated~~

~~Visiting the~~ President Pinilla ^{SAW THE WORK OF RESCUE}

~~was seen eight hundred~~ Four hundred bodies have been found - while many more may be buried beneath the rubble of what was once - a modern city.