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MEXICO: EX-MINISTER QUESTIONED IN '71 MASSACRE A former internal security minister was interrogated by special prosecutors about the government's role in the massacre of 30 left-wing protesters during a protest march in 1971. Mario Moya Palencia, who served as interior minister during the presidency of Luis Echeverría, from 1970 to 1976, refused to answer 96 questions from the prosecutors but said he would respond later, in writing. Paramilitary forces shot down the marchers on June 10, 1971. Historians now say the killings were part of a coordinated effort by the government to crush its left-wing opponents. Tim Weiner (NYT)