

# Crime & Criminals

## Portion of Hidden Explosives Military

SANTA CRUZ — Some of the explosives found cached in the Santa Cruz Mountains Friday must have been stolen from the armed forces, an official of the State Department of Justice said Monday.

Charles E. Casey, assistant Justice Department director who has charge of the case, said the plastic material called C4 found at the scene is used only by the military for demolition work and is available from no other source.

The plastic explosive was found along with 149 sticks of dynamite, incendiary devices, grenade detonators and other materials hidden in the woods near two abandoned cabins in the Loma Prieta area northeast of Santa Cruz.

An inventory of the items confiscated at the scene said that between four and five one-pound blocks of C4 explosive were found.

There was enough explosives there to blow up the entire Santa Cruz County government center, authorities said.

Monday Casey said that there have been no arrests made or warrants issued in the case. He said, however, "the investigation is still very much in the active stage."

Casey said his office is attempting to locate two owners of the property where the explosives were found. The property is owned by Robert E. Stege Jr., of 2269 Cooley Ave., East Palo Alto, and Stuart A. McCrae of 31570 Page Mill Rd., Los Altos.

They purchased the property in 1968, according to the County Assessor's Office.

Casey said they have been unable to locate Stege and McCrae.

Casey said most of the explosive material found

Friday was found in the bushes and wooded areas near the two cabins, which are about half a mile apart.

"They were carefully wrapped to protect them from the elements," said Casey.

He said the cabins were known to have been occupied last week, but refused to give specific reasons as to how they knew this. Sleeping bags, food and other material were found in both cabins.

The cabins are located between Highland way and Summit road east of Spanish Ranch road.

## Fair Merge Meets Op

SALINAS — A proposal to merge the Salinas Valley Fair and the Monterey County Fair has met with opposition from the Monterey County legislators and valley fair board members.

Monterey County Fair Board officials have refused to comment on the suggestion by the Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy.

The suggestion to merge the fairs has come on as part of a program to cut existing fairs in California from 78 to 36.

The Monterey County Fair is held in late summer in Monterey and the Salinas Valley Fair in the early summer in King City.

A hearing on the proposal will be held in Fresno on Jan. 28.

Other suggested mergers in the Central Coast area will include joining the San Luis