

THIRD WEEK of PERUVIAN



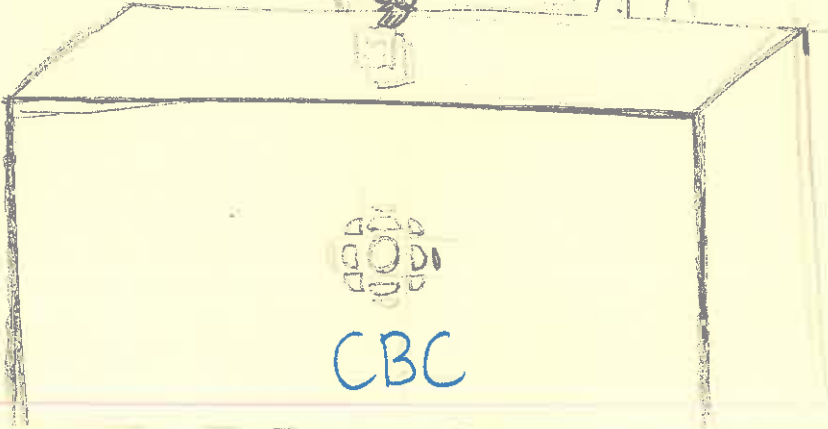
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HOSTAGE CRISIS

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The Peruvian hostage crisis entered its third week tonight. Tupac Amaru rebels released two more hostages from the Japanese ambassador's residence in Lima, but they continue to hold 91 people captive.



As CBC's Keith Boag reports, the world got a first-hand look at what's going on inside

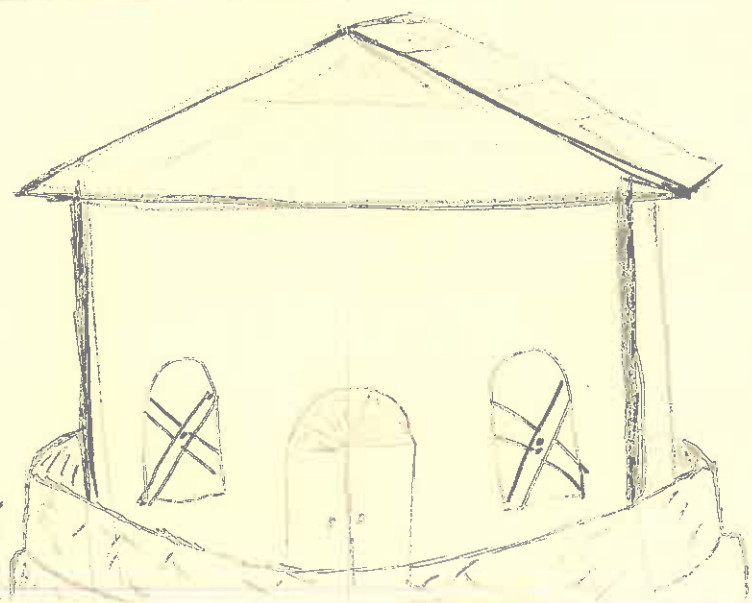


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They organized groups of camera crews and photographers to go up to the embassy residence and take pictures from the outside, 15 journalists or so at a time.

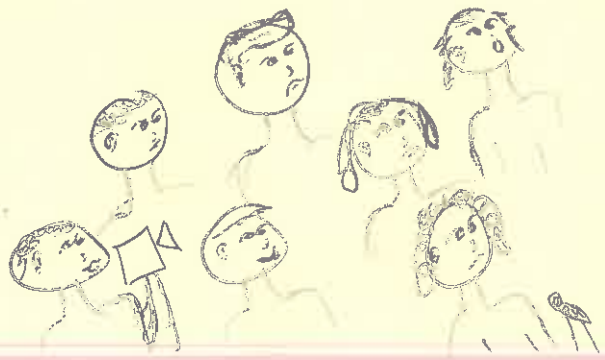


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When they reached the residence compound, they saw a sign in the window -- an invitation in Japanese.



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FOR A RECAP OF WHAT HAPPENED
3 WEEKS EARLIER...

DECEMBER 17, 1996 8:20PM



Sipping cocktails and nibbling sushi on the lawn behind the Japanese Ambassador's house were Lima's most important political and social figures.



Suddenly:



14 masked men and women clambered through a hole they had blasted in the garden wall.

This is the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement. Obey and nothing will happen to you.



They warned the victims not to look at them, though it would have been impossible to identify them with the movement's trademark red, white and black bandanas over their faces.

We demand face-to-face meetings
with President Fujimori. We want
the release of more than 450 Tupac
Amaru members in Peruvian Jails or
we'll start killing hostages!



But Mr. Fujimori refused to meet with them
thus, hostages were kept for an extended
period. None were killed or harmed.

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The Japanese crew went first, but was soon followed by others. In a moment they were all inside, meeting face-to-face with the man identified by local television as Tupac Amaru leader Nestor Cerna.



First, we have not dropped the demand for the release of our captured comrades. Also, we ask that you journalists visit the prisons where they're kept. Conditions are inhuman.



Allowing the journalists close to the residence seemed like a concession to the rebels, but for a while it wasn't clear what would be given in return

Then at about 5:00'clock, two hostages were suddenly released

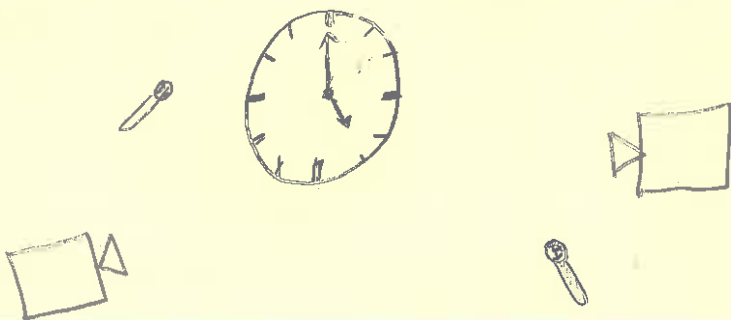


2 Hours Later...

From President Alberto Fujimori:

STATEMENT

I may allow hostages a clean escape to another country, provided rebels lay down their arms and free their hostages. . . .



Keith Boag, CBC News,
Lima.



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Still ahead, in tonight's news: the growing
controversy over the use of electronic
bracelets. And our Almanac: we continue
counting down the top Canadian stories
of 1996.



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