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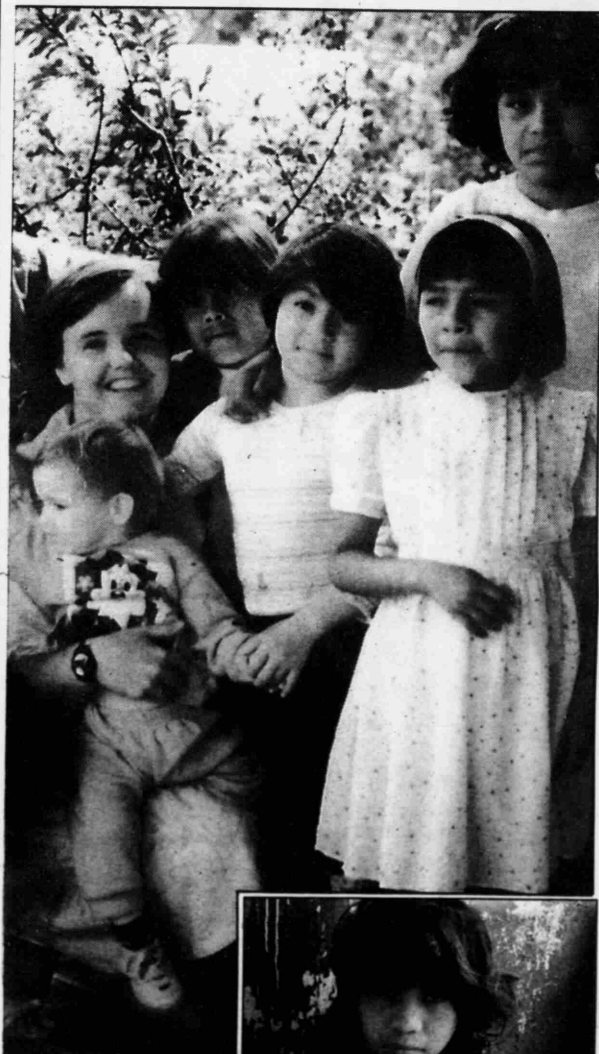


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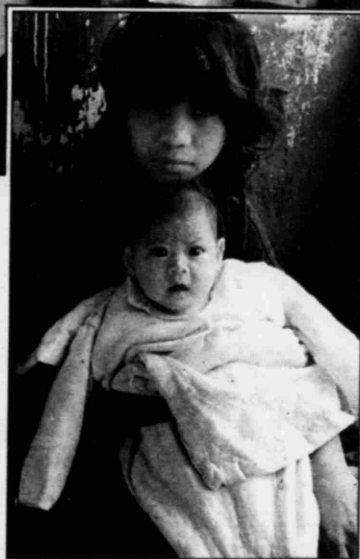
their colleagues. Bruce Harris, who runs the charity, had a wreath sent to his home with his wife's name on it.

Now he travels around the capital in a bullet proof vest knowing government ministers would happily silence him.

Last week a gunman tried to force his way into the foundation. And Duncan said: "Some people followed us home and pointed at Katelyn, threatening to kidnap her."

"Of course we are scared, but how can we walk away and leave girls like Reina and her baby?"

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VICTIMS: Reina with Maria Picture: JOHN DOWNING

NEW PEACE TALKS BRING SLIM HOPE OF ENDING CIVIL WAR

REBELS and government officials will try to end Central America's longest civil war when they revive peace talks tomorrow.

Guatemala has been at war since 1960 and more than 100,000 people have died in the feud.

Hopes for the talks were high after President Jorge Serrano offered concessions to the guerrillas during a speech at the United Nations last month — in return for them signing peace agreements within 90 days.

Serrano, only the second civilian president since democracy returned to Guatemala in 1986, has made ending the war

his administration's chief task. But Roman Catholic Bishop Rodolfo Quezada Toruno has warned the Guatemalan people not to expect too much from the latest peace negotiations in Mexico City.

And some Western observers agree that the chances of peace are slim.

"The guerrillas have no incentive to sign a peace accord," said a Western diplomat.

"What do they become when they sign a peace agreement? They are going to need major concessions just to agree to any ceasefire." In military terms the

guerrillas have been a spent force since 1985, and army leaders are against giving back at the negotiating table victories won on the battlefield.

Human rights atrocities have been a key sticking point in past negotiations and the methods of the army's successes may yet come back to haunt the generals.

Thousands were killed in scorched-earth campaigns by the army in the early 1980s. Thousands more fled to Mexico.

A Western diplomatic source said: "There must be a lot of generals out there worried about what peace might bring."



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