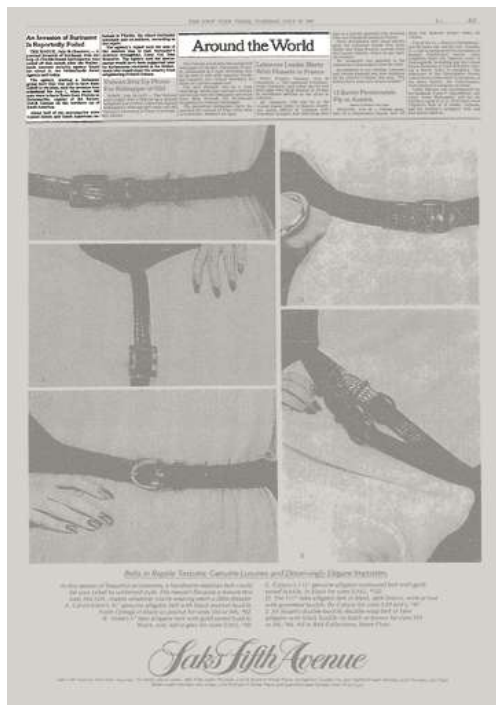


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A planned invasion of Suriname with the help of Florida-based mercenaries was called off this month after the Netherlands internal security agency found out about it, the Netherlands News Agency said today.

The agency, quoting a Suriname group here that was said to have been linked to the plan, said the invasion was scheduled for July 1, when some 300 men were to have flown from Florida to Paramaribo, capital of the former Dutch Guiana on the northern tip of South America.

About half of the mercenaries were United States and South American nationals in Florida, the others Suriname nationals and exsoldiers, according to the report.

The agency's report said the aim of the mission was to oust Suriname's military strongman, Lieut. Col. Desi Bouterse. The agency said the mercenaries would have been supported later by Surinamese recruited in the Netherlands who would enter the country from neighboring French Guiana.

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