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On the evening of Nov. 17, Labor Minister Hugo Barrionuevo and public hospital employee union leaders met briefly to discuss possible government actions toward resolving employees' unsatisfied wage demands. The emergency meeting was apparently arranged by Church mediation in the person of Bishop of San Justo, Rodolfo Bufano, in order to avoid the realization of a six-day strike scheduled to begin Nov. 18. The planned strike action would be the fifth such measure undertaken by hospital employees in the past month. A similar meeting with Health Minister Conrado Storani was scheduled for Nov. 18. After the conference with Barrionuevo, labor leaders told reporters that the strike would be postponed or cancelled only if union members vote accordingly in assemblies to begin at 7 a.m. the following day. Next, they said the government had not yet put forth an acceptable solution to union wage demands. (Basic data from NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS, 11/17/86)

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