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In a speech to the UN General Assembly Nov. 26, Salvadoran President Jose Napoleon Duarte said the earthquake which demolished a large portion of San Salvador in early October has threatened the "consolidation of democracy." According to Duarte, "The damage brought by seven years of war and seven years of economic crisis is not comparable to the damage caused by seven seconds of the earthquake." The president called for increased emergency aid to El Salvador. He stated the quake had caused $2 billion in damages, killed 1500 persons, and left 300,000 capital city residents homeless. (Basic data from NEW YORK TIMES, 11/26/86)

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