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In a speech on July 2 wrapping up his campaign before 30,000 supporters, presidential candidate Cuauhtemoc Cardenas denounced Secretary of State George Shultz's visit to Central America last week, called for greater solidarity with Nicaragua, and demanded the withdrawal of US military advisers from El Salvador and other Latin American countries. Cardenas spoke at a rally in Patzcuaro, a town in his home state, Michoacan, where he served as governor from 1980 to 1986. A renegade from the ruling Revolutionary Institutional Party (PRI), Cardenas heads the center-left party coalition, the National Democratic Front. His father, Lazaro Cardenas, ruled Mexico from 1934 to 1940. In his speech, Cardenas condemned the Mexican government for selling oil to the US "strategic reserve" while cutting off shipments to Nicaragua. The Central American country has been unable to pay a \$500 million bill for oil delivered before 1985. (Basic data from Washington Post, 07/05/88)

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