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## **Inter-american Regional Labor Organization To Sponsor Conference On Peace & Democracy In Central America**

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On Feb. 1 in Mexico, spokespersons for the Inter-American Regional Labor Organization (Organizacion Regional Interamericana de Trabajadores-ORIT) announced a conference on peace and democracy in Central America, scheduled for Feb. 11-12 in San Salvador. Conference participants include Central American representatives of the Socialist International and Christian Democracy. ORIT secretary general Luis Anderson said that the conference will focus on means to support efforts by the Central American people "to achieve peace, democracy and social justice, after eight years of destruction and death which consume the energies and potential of the region, especially those of workers." Agenda topics include the causes and current dynamics of regional conflicts and proposed solutions, such as the 1987 regional peace plan (Esquipulas II), Central American economic conditions, and the state of human rights and trade union rights in the five countries. Anderson said that Salvadoran President Jose Napoleon Duarte, San Salvador Archbishop Arturo Rivera y Damas, and representatives of the International Confederation of Free Labor Organizations (CIOSL) and the International Professional Secretariats (Secretariados Profesionales Internacionales-SPIS) will attend the conference. (Basic data from AFP, 02/01/89)

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