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On Feb. 16, Gen. Augusto Pinochet said he will not run in elections scheduled for December 14. He urged government supporters to unite toward selecting "one of ours" as his successor. Pinochet spoke at a luncheon with supporters in Loncoche, a rural community 370 miles south of Santiago. Chile's constitution prohibits Pinochet from succeeding himself. However, several pro-regime politicians have suggested that a means to permit him to run be found, such as a constitutional amendment. Thus far, at least two pro-government politicians have announced their candidacy to succeed Pinochet. Under the constitution, the winner will assume power on March 11, 1990. (Basic data from AP, 02/16/89)

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