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On March 14 in San Salvador, about 700 workers, students and peasants marched through the streets expressing support of a rebel boycott of the presidential election. Some participants in the march, organized by the Bread, Land, Jobs and Liberty Movement, reportedly vandalized telephones in a fast-food restaurant, seized buses, and spray-painted slogans on walls and pavement denouncing the US and the elections. Many protesters carried banners reading, "Elections with repression are not elections." Meanwhile, in statements on Radio Venceremos, the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front threatened election workers who participate in the March 19 balloting. On March 13, the rebels continued a weeklong attack of the country's electricity infrastructure. According to a spokesperson for the state-run electricity company, on March 14 half of El Salvador was without power. Late on March 13, urban commandos ambushed a Treasury Police patrol and wounded three men. Other guerrillas stopped a soft drink truck and set it afire March 14. Noise bombs exploded throughout the capital, sending thousands of pamphlets into the air urging Salvadorans to boycott the election. (Basic data from AP, 03/14/89)

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