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On the evening of March 16, El Salvador's six presidential candidates concluded their campaigns. Meanwhile, the most recent poll of the electorate was released by the University Institute of Political Orientation (Instituto Universitario de Orientacion Politica-IUDOP). Survey results for the three major candidates were as follows: 26.2% in favor of Alfredo Cristiani, Nationalist Republican Alliance (ARENA); Fidel Chavez Mena, Christian Democrat, 12.9%; and, Guillermo Ungo, Democratic Convergence, 4.2%. Under the Salvadoran constitution, if no one candidate receives a majority of the popular vote, a runoff between the two top candidates will be scheduled a month later. (Basic data from Notimex, 03/16/89)

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