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At their last summit meeting in El Salvador, concluded on Feb. 14, Central America's five presidents agreed to reconvene in mid-May to approve a plan for the dismantlement, repatriation or relocation, of the Nicaraguan contra army camped in Honduras. On two occasions in April, "technical" teams from the five countries met to elaborate elements of the demobilization plan. According to Notimex, in late April at the request of Honduran President Jose Azcona Hoyo, the summit had been postponed. A new date for the meeting has not yet been established. Apparently, the major reason for the postponement was Salvadoran President Jose Napoleon Duarte's illness. The next summit will likely be postponed until June or later or after the inauguration of the new Salvadoran president, Alfredo Cristiani of the rightist ARENA party. Deputy foreign ministers are to meet again in Guatemala for another technical meeting. (Basic data from Notimex, 04/29/89, 04/30/89)

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