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A few months ago, Nicaragua's loosely-structured opposition party coalition, often referred to as the "Group of 14," gained another member, bringing its number to 15. Recently, the Social Christian Party (PSC) and the Liberal Unification Party broke ranks by submitting their own lists of nominees for candidates in the February 1990 elections to the Supreme Electoral Council, instead of supporting the coalition's (yet to be named) nominees. At about the same time, the Nicaraguan Democratic Movement (MDN), recently returned from exile, joined the coalition and thereby parties again numbered 14. Gustavo Tablada, Socialist Party leader, suggested changing the label of the opposition coalition since "identification by number leads to confusion." The name chosen was UNO, for United National Opposition. [Prior to a rebirth borne of infighting and US-inspired reorganization, the contra umbrella organization Nicaraguan Resistance was also known as UNO (United Nicaraguan Opposition).] (Basic data from 06/12/89 report by Regional Coordination for Economic and Social Research of Central America and the Caribbean-CRIES, Managua)

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