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On June 22, more than 20,000 people attended a rally sponsored by the Permanent Committee for National Debate in San Salvador. Participants marched to the presidential palace to deliver a document containing a list of demands described as necessary for peace and social justice. When President Alfredo Cristiani refused to accept the document in person, the crowd marched to the metropolitan cathedral. Committee leader Baptist minister Edgar Palacios told the crowd that as long as the war continues, economic development, democracy and respect for human rights are not attainable. The document delivered to the presidential palace was also forwarded to the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN). Created in 1988, the Committee claims to have the support of 59 union, peasant, humanitarian, professional and small business organizations. (See also CAU 06/21/89 on Committee demands.) [Basic data from 06/26/89 weekly report by Salpress-Notisal]

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