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On July 30, the Nicaraguan government prohibited four US congresspersons from participating in a march organized by the Social Democratic Party in the town of Diriamba, located 50 km. south of Managua. Rep. David Dreier (R) said Interior Ministry officials approached him and Reps. Mike Parker (D-Miss.), Mel Hancock (R-Mo.) and Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.) just before the demonstration began. The ministry officials told the congresspersons they had no right to be there and that their safety could not be guaranteed, said Dreier. He added that he and his three colleagues were warned to return to Managua. The congresspersons, who said they arrived in Managua July 29 to observe the electoral process, departed later in the day for Washington. (Basic data from AFP, 07/30/89)

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