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On Aug. 17, members of the National Association of Salvadoran Educators (ANDES), El Salvador's largest teachers' union, went on strike. More than 90% of the nation's schools closed. ANDES committee member Gilberto Jaime said the strikers were demanding a monthly pay hike of about \$80, improved teacher training and medical assistance programs, and increased funding for teaching materials. An estimated 500 teachers demonstrated outside the Education Ministry in San Salvador. Minister Rene Hernandez Valiente met with a delegation of teachers, who demanded that the government immediately pay some 300 teachers who have not received their salaries for the past four months. (Basic data from AFP, 08/17/89)

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