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On the evening of Aug. 24 after four days of debate, the 12-party National Opposition Union approved its campaign platform for the February elections. Juan Gaitan, leader of the Socialist Party and of UNO, told Notimex that the opposition coalition will not seek to change what the revolution has accomplished in the last 10 years. Gaitan said the platform includes among other things, trimming presidential powers, reducing the size of the army, and the abolition of obligatory military service. He added, "We believe that the first power of the republic is the Legislative Assembly, where the direct representatives of the people are found. The president is only the executive." Maintenance of a large army, said Gaitain, is not defensible in Nicaragua's current economic situation. Gaitan pointed out that if elected, the UNO plans to enforce a mixed economy, including state and private property, and the cooperative system. "I do not recall if the reprivatization of state enterprises was included in the platform, but I believe that it would be advisable in the case of some that are very inefficient," he added. According to Gaitan, UNO delegates will now proceed to select their candidates for the presidency and vice presidency. Notimex said that the two leading contenders for the presidential candidacy are apparently Enrique Bolanos, former president of COSEP (Superior Council of Private Enterprise), and Virgilio Godoy, president of the Independent Liberal Party. (Basic data from Notimex, 08/24/89)

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