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On Sept. 23 at a press conference in Tegucigalpa, Honduran President Jose Azcona Hoyo said the UN has agreed to send 700 military and civilian observers to patrol the borders of Central American nations with the aim of overseeing fulfillment of regional accord security provisions. Azcona said the UN peacekeeping force will be based in all five countries. He gave no date for their arrival. Next, the president said the demobilization, repatriation and resettlement of the Nicaraguan contras is "progressing." He added, "The contras must accept demobilization because they haven't got the resources to do anything else." At the most recent count, US agencies were feeding 12,000 fighters and 42,000 relatives. (Basic data from AP, 09/23/89)

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