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On Aug. 17, President Joaquin Balaguer reshuffled his cabinet. Nicolas Almanzar was named education minister, and Manuel Estrada Medina, secretary of state for the interior and police. Both are long-time activists in the ruling Social Christian Reformist Party (PRSC). Pedro Pichardo, former education minister, was named as education advisor for the executive branch. Former secretary of state for interior and police, Rafael Peralta Perez, was named minister without portfolio. The president fired Dr. Ney Arias Lora as secretary of state for health and social welfare, replacing him with Dr. Rafael Gautreaux, former chief of the country's social security institute. As of Aug. 17, Dominican medical doctors had been on strike for a month. (Basic data from AFP, 08/17/89)

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