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Late last week, Mauricio Diaz, president of the Popular Social Christian Party (PPSC), announced that his party was pulling out of the opposition coalition known as UNO. In the February elections, the PPSC will support the presidential candidacy of Erick Ramirez, head of the Social Christian Party (PSC), and the two parties will run a joint slate of candidates for the National Assembly. Both the PPSC and the PSC are popular in Nicaragua. Diaz said that the most conservative elements within UNO dominated decision-making within the coalition. Ramirez and his party had earlier been kicked out of UNO. UNO's vice presidential candidate Virgilio Godoy continues to have serious problems within UNO and his Independent Liberal Party (PALI). Godoy walked out of an UNO meeting on Thursday where party representatives were divvying up candidates for the National Assembly. He said PALI was not being given an adequate share of the candidacies. (Basic data from Nicaragua Network, 09/29/89)

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