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On Aug. 26, President Carlos Andres Perez said a new cabinet would be sworn in early Sunday. He added, "The ministers simply thought that after six months in their post and in a government as complicated as this, it was good to give me the opportunity for a reorganization." Foreign Minister Enrique Tejera was replaced by Secretary of the Presidency Reinaldo Figueredo, a close adviser to Perez. A presidential spokesperson said Finance Minister Eglee Iturbe and Energy Minister Celestino Armas will keep their posts, as would the government's entire economic team. Agriculture Minister Fanny Bello was replaced by Raul de Armas, Transport Minister Gustavo Rada by Elias Osuna and Health Minister Felipe Bello by Manuel Adrianza, cardiologist and open-heart surgery specialist. Doctors have been on strike for three months. The cabinet resigned on Aug. 25, marking the first changes in ministerial posts since Perez's inauguration on Feb. 2. (Basic data from AFP, AP, 08/26/89; Notimex, 08/27/89)

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