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Former contra commander Eden Pastora will return to Nicaragua on Dec. 3 to actively support the presidential campaign of Erick Ramirez, president of the Social Christian Party (PSC). The date of his return was decided on Oct. 19 in San Jose, Costa Rica, where Pastora signed an accord stating his endorsement of Ramirez. Ramirez released the accord to the media on Oct. 20. The document said, "In view of the fact that Dec. 4 is the official date for the beginning of the electoral campaign, we announce Dec. 3 as the definitive date of Comandante Pastora's return." Pastora, who describes himself as a defender of the original principles of the Sandinista revolution, said his intent is to "initiate a new phase of struggle...which responds to the people's aspirations..." Pastora, a former FSLN commander (known as Comandante Cero), served as deputy defense minister until 1981 when he announced his decision to join the contras. In April 1982, he announced in Costa Rica the formation of a new contra faction, the Democratic Revolutionary Alliance (ARDE). Pastora has been in "retirement" as a contra commander for more than two years. Comandante Cero's announcement follows the endorsements of the PSC by indigenous leaders Brooklyn Rivera and Steadman Fagoth. Yatama, an indigenous organization of the North Atlantic coast, has also endorsed the PSC. In late September, the Popular Social Christian Party (PPSC) withdrew from UNO, and formed an alliance with the PSC. [Basic data from 10/20/89 report by Nicaragua Network (Washington, DC); Notimex, 10/20/89]