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On Nov. 8 in a speech during a ceremony commemorating the 28th anniversary of the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN), President Daniel Ortega said that the Sandinista revolution's major opponent in the February 1990 elections will be the US government. He stated that US policy has financed armed mercenaries known as the contras, and is now financing unarmed mercenaries known as the National Opposition Union (UNO). The ceremony, which took place at Revolution Plaza, also marked the 13th anniversary of the death of FSLN founder, Carlos Fonseca. Thousands of Managua residents were in attendance, according to Notimex. Fonseca's tomb is located on the plaza. (Basic data from Notimex, 11/08/89)

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