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On Jan. 16, in an interview with a local radio station, Eden Pastora (Comandante Cero) said the breakup of the Nicaraguan Opposition Unity (UNO) is imminent, result of diverse pressures the coalition cannot overcome. Pastora has allied himself with the Social Christian and Popular Social Christian parties in the election campaign. According to Pastora, the arrival of millions of dollars allocated to UNO by the US Congress will inspire conflicts between the political forces linked to vice presidential candidate Virgilio Godoy, on the one hand, and presidential candidate Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, on the other. Combined with other problems which led to withdrawal of over 100 UNO candidates thus far, he said, intensified squabbles over money will provoke a final dissolution of the fractious coalition. (Basic data from Notimex, 01/16/90)

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