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On Nov. 8, police raided the medical school campus of San Marcos University in Lima. University rector Jaime Rey de Castro said about 500 people were arrested. AFP cited unidentified government officials who later reported that about 600 were arrested. Government sources said soldiers surrounded the campus while 400 police conducted the raid, and seized a cache of bombs and leftist literature. A police spokesperson said they also found maps of the Lima area marked with the location of voting districts for municipal elections scheduled for Nov. 12. On Nov. 6, police raided the main San Marcos campus, reportedly in search of rebels who attacked the nearby National Society of Industries headquarters. They arrested 80 persons, and several handguns and grenades were confiscated. University administrators announced Nov. 7 that classes were suspended until after the municipal elections. The 438-year-old university is the oldest in the hemisphere. Enrollment totals over 40,000. On Nov. 8, police reported the capture of 27 rebels in Ica department, located 300 km. south of Lima. Lima has been under a state of emergency since Nov. 2. (Basic data from AFP, AP, 11/08/89)

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