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On March 3, the Supreme Electoral Council released the final results of the Feb. 25 election. In the National Assembly, the National Opposition Union (UNO) will have 51 seats; the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN), 38; and the Social Christian Party/Yatama, 1. Presidential candidates of the FSLN and the United Revolutionary Movement, Daniel Ortega and Moises Hassan, respectively, will be installed as deputies on April 25, bringing the total number of Assembly seats to 92. The National Assembly installed in 1984 numbered 96: 61 for the FSLN, and 35 for the opposition. Six seats went to losing presidential candidates. Party Representation in National Assembly by Region Region (major city, UNO FSLN PSC cities) 1 (Esteli, Nueva 5 4 Segovia) 2 (Leon) 8 7 3 (Managua) 14 11 4 (Jinotepe, Rivas) 9 5 5 (Chontales, Boaco) 7 3 6 (Matagalpa) 7 4 7 0 2 1 * 8 (Bluefields) 1 1 9 0 1 TOTAL 51 38 1 * The PSC representative is actually a member of the Miskito Indian group Yatama. Although Yatama was allied with the PSC at the start of the campaign, it later went over to UNO in the final weeks of the vote. In a March 3 report by Hemisphere Initiative (Washington, DC), 40 of the UNO coalition seats were identified by party or party faction as follows: Conservatives Liberals Social Christians PAN 3 PLC 3 PDCN 5 APC 5 PLI 3 PPSC 2 PCN 3 ANC 1 "Social Democrats" "Socialists" Centrists PSD 5 PSN 3 PAIC 1 MDN 3 PCN 3 Note: The 14-group UNO coalition is comprised of the parties and party spinoffs abbreviated above, plus one Liberal party faction not included in this partial breakdown. The PAIC, or Central America Integrationist Party, broke away from the PUCA, the Central American Unionist Party. The PAIC, and perhaps two or three of the remaining 13 are not yet established as legal parties. [Basic data from 03/03/90, 03/04/90 reports by Regional Coordination for Economic and Social Research of Central America and the Caribbean (CRIES, Managua); 03/01/90 report, Central America Resource Center (Minneapolis, Minn.); 03/03/90 report by Hemisphere Initiative (Washington, DC)]

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