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On Nov. 26, Interior Minister Guillermo Capobianco said most of the 858 people arrested during a state of siege declared Nov. 15 had been released. He said the government had freed 118 people on Sunday. The state of siege was decreed to quash a massive teachers' strike. Most of the arrested persons had participated in hunger strikes in support of the teachers' demand for a \$103 bonus. The minister said only persons charged with instigating the protest remain in custody. Ten people were indicted, including Wilma Plata, a prominent leader in the teachers' movement. Copobianco did not say if the state of siege would be lifted before municipal elections scheduled for Dec. 3. (Basic data from AFP, 11/26/89)

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