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On March 15, the Honduran national congress called on President Alfredo Callejas to "immediately expel" the thousands of contras and family members camped near the Nicaraguan border, and to repatriate them to Nicaragua before April 25. The parliament passed unanimously a measure calling on Washington to pay nearly \$8 million in damages to farmers in El Paraiso who were forced out by the contras. The congresspersons also want to send Washington a \$1.5 million bill run up by the contras with local merchants in El Paraiso department. The Honduran Coffee Producers Association has initiated congressional bills in the past demanding that the US pay \$15 million in damages. The Association has said that since 1981, hundreds of coffeegrowers have left the border region, leaving behind five harvests to rot and 5,000 jobless families. (Basic data from AFP, 03/15/90)

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