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On July 5 in Mexico, Humberto Centeno, leader of the National Salvadoran Workers Union (UNTS), told reporters that former Nicaraguan contras are serving as advisers to paramilitary groups organized by Salvadoran rightist leader Roberto D'Abuisson. Centeno said D'Abuisson and supporters are arming and training some 5,000 men near Pasnchimalco, Cuscatlan department, and in Ahuachapan, western El Salvador. According to the UNTS leader, the new paramilitary groups "will be used to perpetrate genocide if the government and the rebels arrange a cease-fire." Centeno told Notimex that the talks concluded two weeks ago in Oaxtepec, Mexico, between the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front and the government President Alfredo Cristiani were positive in that the government pledged to discuss the size and make-up of the armed forces. He added that it is El Salvador's military dictatorship which has been responsible for many years of electoral fraud, genocide, social marginalization, and human and labor rights violations. Centeno was visiting Mexico to participate in talks between representatives of the FMLN and Salvadoran civic and labor organizations. (Basic data from Notimex, 07/05/90)

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