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On July 27, Nicolas Rivera, executive secretary of the Tela Railroad Company Union (SITRATERCO), said the union had not yet decided whether to accept President Rafael Leonardo Callejas' offer to mediate in the month-long strike by 9,000 banana plantation and railway workers, and their employer, Chiquita Brands International. The situation has deteriorated, said Rivera, since Chiquita has commenced hiring non-union workers. The transnational, he added, is paying the outsiders \$12 per day and provides meals, while union members were earning an average \$4 per day. (Basic data from Notimex, 07/27/90)

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