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On Nov. 2, Civil Service director Roberto Lagos announced that 10,000 public employees or 10% of the government's labor force will be laid off by Jan. 1, 1990. He said the dismissals were necessary to reduce the budget deficit, and to comply with recommendations by foreign lending institutions. Earlier this year, 8,000 government jobs were eliminated. Workers received no severance pay, nor assistance in finding new employment. The FY1991 budget approved by the national congress on Oct. 29 contains \$5 million for unemployment compensation. On a national level, unemployment is currently estimated at over 40%. (Basic data from AFP, 11/02/90)

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