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On Nov. 9, hundreds of public employees, teachers and trade union members marched through the streets of San Jose to protest economic austerity measures announced by the government, including plans for more dismissals of civil servants. The march was organized by the Permanent Workers Council, a coalition of the nation's unions. The Council criticized the government for signing accords with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and failing to provide assistance to impoverished citizens, described as the persons bearing the heaviest burden imposed by austerity policies. (Basic data from AFP, 11/09/90)

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