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On Nov. 29, Bishop Alonso Santos, of the Copan diocese, accused President Rafael Callejas of employing "thieves" in high-level government positions. The bishop said he had proof that some of the president's closest advisers had stolen over 50% of \$600 million in foreign loans contracted by the National Investments Corporation (CONADI). President Callejas has promised to prosecute businesspersons and government officials implicated in corruption, and specifically persons involved in the CONADI case. To the present, however, no officials have been arrested. According to the Rev. Santos, due to the bankruptcy of CONADI the largest financial scandal in the country's history, the Honduran people are now forced to ensure a drastic economic adjustment program, and pay higher taxes and higher prices for fuels, medicines and basic foodstuffs. (Basic data from AFP, 11/29/90)

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