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On Dec. 2, Honduran officials announced that armed forces commander-in-chief Gen. Arnulfo Cantarero had resigned, having served less than one year of a three-year term. Cantarero reportedly lost the support of members of the military high command. After receiving information on high command's preference for Cantarero's successor, on Dec. 10 the Congress voted 122 to 6 in favor of Col. Luis Alonso Discua, an intelligence expert. At an inauguration ceremony Dec. 11, President Rafael Callejas asserted that as long as violence in the region persists, Honduras will not implement reductions of military personnel and hardware. (Basic data from AFP, 12/02/90, 12/11/90; Notimex, 12/03/90; EFE, 12/10/90; ACAN-EFE, 12/11/90)

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