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On Nov. 28, Costa Rican Social Security Administration (CCSS) employee union leaders announced an indefinite strike to begin Dec. 5. Union members number over 22,000. Employees are protesting government economic policies, particularly new legislation announced the previous week on raising public employees' retirement age, and thus, minimum age to qualify for pension benefits. For female employees, the age requirement was raised from 55 to 59 years and 11 months. For male employees, the minimum was raised from 57 to 61 years and 11 months. Union leaders said hospital employees, with the exception of emergency room attendants, will join the strike. (Basic data from AFP, 11/28/90)

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