

12-21-1990

Nicaragua: Telecommunications Company Employees Cut International Phone Service

Deborah Tyroler

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/noticen>

Recommended Citation

Tyroler, Deborah. "Nicaragua: Telecommunications Company Employees Cut International Phone Service." (1990).
<https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/noticen/4857>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Latin America Digital Beat (LADB) at UNM Digital Repository. It has been accepted for inclusion in NotiCen by an authorized administrator of UNM Digital Repository. For more information, please contact amywinter@unm.edu.

Nicaragua: Telecommunications Company Employees Cut International Phone Service

by Deborah Tyroler

Category/Department: General

Published: Friday, December 21, 1990

On Dec. 19, as of 3:00 p.m. local time, international telephone service (with the exception of links to the US) was disrupted by employees of the state-run telecommunications company (TELCOR). By Wednesday, the TELCOR strike had spread to a nationwide level. The strike commenced in early December in the Masaya-Carazo-Rivas and Granada region south of Managua. Workers are demanding employment security and pay hikes ranging from 20% to 40%. Union leaders Salvadora Sandoval and Marvin Arguello said that the employees shut down telephone service to protest the firing of over 40 operators who had participated in the strike. Sandoval told the Agence France Presse that this arbitrary move by management brought negotiations to a halt. TELCOR vice president Ernesto Robledo requested police assistance to dislodge workers occupying two company buildings in Managua. The Sandinista National Liberation Front's official newspaper, Barricada, reported that during the police action local journalists attempting to cover the incident were kicked and beaten by a group of Robledo followers. On Dec. 20, telephone services were partially restored. TELCOR sent strike breakers across picket lines to carry out basic operations. Some 4,500 employees were sent home for the Christmas holiday, apparently in an attempt to weaken the strike. Robledo called the strike a criminal action orchestrated by the Sandinistas in their efforts to sabotage Nicaraguans' rights to communicate. (Basic data from AFP, 12/19/90, 12/20/90; Notimex, 12/20/90)

-- End --