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March 2: In a communique read on Radio Farabundo Marti, the rebels declared the beginning of a five day truce to honor Guillermo Ungo, who died Feb. 28 of a heart attack. In addition, the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) declared three days of mourning throughout the territories under rebel control. "Our best homage will be the conquest of the ideals of democracy, justice and peace to which Guillermo Ungo dedicated his life," said the communique. March 3: An estimated 10,000 to 30,000 Salvadorans marched through the main thoroughfares of the capital in support of the Democratic Convergence (CD) and to pay homage to Guillermo Ungo. The government refused entry into the country to FMLN commanders Nidia Diaz, Roberto Canas, and Lorena Pena who requested permission to attend Ungo's funeral. (President Alfredo Cristiani said the decision not to permit the delegation was "logical...we can't allow those people here for obvious reasons." Minister of Defense Ponce added, "They are an outlaw rebel group and would just make a propaganda show.") (Basic data from El Rescate Human Rights Department Report, 02/18-03/04/91; ACAN-EFE, 03/03/91; Prensa Latina,03/02/91; AFP, 03/02/91, 03/03/91)

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