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## **10,000 Public School Teachers Demonstrate In Mexico City**

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On March 15 in Mexico City, about 10,000 teachers demonstrated outside the presidential residence demanding a 100% wage hike and trade union reforms. The teachers were members of the dissident National Education Workers Coordinator (CNTE) from the states of Michoacan, Guerrero, Chiapas and the capital city metropolitan area. According to a communique by the CNTE, teachers' monthly salaries average 600,000 pesos (about US\$200). Next, the CNTE blasted an "education modernization" bill proposed by President Carlos Salinas' administration. The legislation, said the communique, would "transform teachers into pariahs, with starvation wages, and put our students in the hands of cheap labor." The demonstration caused several hours of monumental traffic jams in downtown Mexico City. (Basic data from AFP, Notimex, 03/15/91)

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