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On March 19, in defiance of a decision by the Superior Labor Tribunal, employees of the state-run PETROBRAS at nine of the country's 10 refineries voted to continue their strike. The Tribunal ruled March 18 that striking employees may be fired "with just cause," since the strike was judged "abusive." The strike commenced on Feb. 26. (See Chronicle 03/19/91 for previous coverage.) On March 21, following negotiations between a group of congresspersons and Infrastructure Minister Ozires Silva, the strike ended. (Basic data from AFP, 03/19/91; Folha de Sao Paulo, O Globo, Correio Braziliense, Xinhua, 03/20/91; Jornal do Brasil, 03/22/91)

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