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At an Oct. 28 press conference in Managua, members of the recently established Movimiento Civilista (Civic Movement) called for the "definitive and formal abolition" of the Nicaraguan army. According to the Movement, elimination of the army is necessary for "full democratization and social harmony." The Movement was founded by 13 writers, poets and journalists and is headed by La Prensa co-director and poet Pablo Antonio Cuadra. Other members include former central bank president Francisco Mayorga, journalist Freddy Rostran and Raymond Genie. Cuadra asserted that in the "era of dialogue, [maintaining the army represents] an onerous utilization of scarce national resources." (Basic data from AFP, 10/28/91)

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