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On Nov. 5, police used tear gas to disperse some 300 Health Ministry and National University employees who had occupied Labor Ministry offices in Managua to press demands for a wage increase. Protesters responded by throwing stones and wielding clubs. The scuffle left 20 protesters and three police officers injured. At least 10 people were arrested in connection with the incident. The average salary of Health Ministry employees is US\$60 per month, while the university employees earn US\$240. Both groups are demanding a 100% pay hike. (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, 11/05/91)

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