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On Nov. 13, Alberto Alvarez, secretary general of the Sugar Workers Federation, told reporters that union leaders and government representatives had reached a settlement, ending a two-week strike. A total of 8,500 employees at seven state-run sugar mills and plantations participated in the strike. Alvarez said the agreement specifies that when mills are privatized, a 25% stake will be set aside for employees. In addition, employees are to participate in mill administration. Next, the government pledged to allocate funds for equipment repair, job security and higher wages. Privatization of the state-run sugar mills is scheduled to begin at the end of November and continue through April 1992. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 11/13/91)

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