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On June 8, public school teachers, physicians, and other unionized workers participated in demonstrations in Santo Domingo and Santiago de los Caballeros, located 140 km. north of the capital. The major organizer of the demonstrations was the United Workers Confederation (Confederacion de Trabajadores Unitarios-CTU). The CTU was recently established by unions affiliated with the social democrat Dominican Liberation Party (PLD), and the leftist Dominican Revolutionary Party (PRD). The marches were considered a preamble to a general 48-hour strike scheduled for June 19-20, called by the Popular Organizations Collective. The Collective is demanding the resignation of President Joaquin Balaguer. (Basic data from AFP, 06/08/91)

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