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During a demonstration in Managua on Nov. 21, hundreds of students and teachers called for a 60% increase in the 1992 education budget, from US\$22.6 million to US\$36 million. Danilo Perez, spokesperson for the National Students Union (UNE), said that the proposed budget is in violation of the constitution. According to Perez, the constitution specifies that 6% of the national government's budget must be spent on education operations. The 6%, he said, does not include fixed costs, as argued by the government. (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, 11/21/91)

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