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As of July 3, 300,000 public school teachers, administration and staff members had been on strike for 55 days. About 4,500 physicians employed by the Social Security Institute (IPSS) returned to work July 3 after a 28-day strike after promises of increased salaries and benefits within 30 days. Employees of hospitals administered by the Health Ministry continued a strike initiated over three months ago. Thousands of employees of the Economy and Transport Ministries and the nation's court system participated in a walk-out during the first week of July. On July 6, the government announced a 180-day "emergency" period for state-run port facilities (Nacional de Puertos-ENAPU), urban transport (Nacional de Transporte Urbano-ENATRU), and Aereo Peru aimed at administrative restructuring. Employees were offered financial incentives to "voluntarily retire" within the next six months. At the end of 180 days, company managers will request mandatory dismissals of "surplus" personnel. The announcement triggered a series of protests by labor union leaders. General Workers Confederation (CGTP) secretary general Valentin Pacho announced plans for a national strike to demonstrate solidarity with public employees and other unionized workers engaged in walkouts. Olmedo Auris, a teachers' union leader, told reporters that over 100 instructors spent the Dia del Maestro in hospitals and clinics receiving medical treatment, result of injuries in clashes with police. Confrontations with public security forces are almost a daily occurrence. The Bank Employee Federation (FEB) announced plans for a walkout on July 9, to show solidarity for public sector counterparts. Under a "reorganization" program of six state-run banks, the government plans large-scale dismissals. (Basic data from AFP, 07/03/91, 07/06/91)

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