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On July 18, participation was described as partial in a 24-hour nation-wide strike organized by the National Union Federation Coordinator (CNCS). (See Chronicle, 07/18/91 for previous coverage of call to strike.) In Lima, over 10,000 police and soldiers with tank support patrolled the streets. Public transport was unavailable early Thursday, but picked up throughout the day. Spokespersons for the General Workers Confederation (CGT) said the heavy security measures weakened the strike. One rebel pertaining to the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA) was killed and three were injured in a bombing attack of the district government office in the Los Olivas section of the capital. Another suspected rebel was hit by a vehicle when he allegedly tried to throw a bomb onto a road in the northern part of the city. Other bombing targets included three bank branch offices, a power station, and tax collection offices. About 100 protesters and others lacking identification papers were arrested by police in several crackdown operations around Lima. Notimex reported that strikers in other cities burned tires and set up street barricades. Valentin Pacho, secretary general of the General Workers Confederation (CGTP), said the government must change direction of its economic and labor policies. He added that the strike was organized to show solidarity for striking teachers and health sector employees. According to Pacho, "The government must first fulfill and meet the needs of the people, and then demands by the International Monetary Fund." In Lima, two people were killed and about a dozen injured during a bombing. (Basic data from AFP, Notimex, 07/18/91)

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