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On Jan. 6 in Tegucigalpa, Fredy Espinoza, director of the Honduran Coffee Growers Association (AHPROCAFE), told reporters that about 2,000 Nicaraguans had arrived in El Paraiso department to participate in the three-month coffee harvest. According to Espinoza, most of the Nicaraguan workers earn about US$5 per day. In addition to wages, workers are provided with food and lodging. Although the coffee harvest in Nicaragua takes place during the same period, the Nicaraguans say they prefer working in Honduras because of higher pay and safer working conditions. Next, clashes between former contras and Sandinista soldiers are concentrated in rural areas. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 01/06/91)

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