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On Aug. 1, 8,500 employees of the El Teniente copper mine went on strike, demanding improved benefits and a 9% real wage hike. The mine is operated by the state-run Copper Corporation (CODELCO), current the world's largest producer- exporter (1.2 million metric tons per year). CODELCO spokespersons said the mine shut-down would cause losses of about \$450,000 per day. (Basic data from AFP, 08/01/91)

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