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On Aug. 13, a nationwide transport strike was suspended by the Venezuelan Workers Confederation (CTV) after Communications Minister Roberto Smith agreed to study union demands. Among other things, transport employee unions called for social security benefit coverage, authorization to import buses and other public transport vehicles, price controls on automotives parts, and guaranteed subsidies for reduced student fares. An announcement on government plans to gradually raise fuel prices triggered the strike. Officials said price hike plans would continue as originally designed. (See Chronicle 08/13/91 for previous coverage of strike.) (Basic data from AFP, 08/13/91; Xinhua, 08/14/91)

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