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On Feb. 13 in downtown San Jose, several thousand people participated in a demonstration against government economic policies. The protest was organized by the Permanent Workers Council (Consejo Permanente de los Trabajadores-CPT), an umbrella organization comprised of public sector unions, community groups, and student associations. The CPT opposes plans to privatize the nation's most important state-run enterprises, including cement and fertilizer plants, the Fabrica Nacional de Licores, and Instituto Nacional de Seguros. In addition, Council organizations are opposed to the dismissal of about 2,000 civil servants this year. (Basic data from Agencia Centroamericana de Noticias-Spanish news service EFE, 02/13/92)

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