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March 12: The armed forces press office (COPREFA) reported that agricultural workers had illegally occupied farms and plantations in San Miguel and Ahuachapan departments. Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) spokespersons denied participation in the takeovers. March 14: Maria Julia Hernandez, director of the archdiocesan human rights monitor office (Tutela Legal), demanded immediate release of US Jesuit priest Stephen Kelly. Kelly and two Salvadoran agricultural workers were arrested March 11 by National Police officers for protesting efforts by the police to remove several peasant families from a plot of land in Salinas de Potrero, Jiquilisco, Usulután department. Hernandez said the police officers were accompanied by members of the UN observer mission to El Salvador (ONUSAL) and a judge from Jiquilisco at the time of the arrests. She noted that tractors were used to demolish six homes and all contents during the eviction in Salinas de Potrero. In a communique, the FMLN denounced the violent eviction of landless peasants at Salinas de Potrero, and asserted that two similar incidents took place the previous week in Usulután and San Vicente departments. March 15: Spokespersons for the Jesuit order denounced the government's decision to deport Kelly. According to local media reports, the priest was deported on March 13. Auxiliary Bishop of San Salvador Gregorio Rosa Chavez said, "The incident with Father Kelly helps bring the land problem to the fore." He added that he hoped the issue could thus be confronted and dealt with "in a framework of social justice." (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, 03/12/92, 03/14/92; Agencia Centroamericana de Noticias-Spanish news service EFE, 03/12/92, 03/15/92)

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