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On the evening of March 11, Freddy Ontiveros, leader of the Bolivian Labor Confederation (COB), said the COB had decided to resume large-scale public protest activities to pressure the government into approving wage hikes. According to Ontiveros, the decision came in response to fruitless negotiations with the planning, finance and labor ministers on the COB's demand for a minimum 17% wage hike submitted in December. The country's largest organized labor organization rejected a government offer to raise public sector employee salaries by 12%. Civil servant wage levels are used as a benchmark for private sector employee remuneration. The government also offered a 17% pay hike to education and health ministry employees. The offer was rejected by COB-affiliated unions. On March 13, around 5,000 demonstrators marched through downtown La Paz. Participants included students, private sector workers, physicians, teachers and other public sector employees. No violent incidents nor arrests were reported. According to government sources, consumer price inflation in 1991 was 14%. (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, 03/11/92, 03/13/92; Notimex, 03/13/92)

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