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According to the government's report, money was frozen in the first semester through the following mechanisms: 8.6 billion through a 5-percent cash reserve for the increase of demand deposits in national currency, 2.5 billion when the cash reserves on foreign currency liquidities of banks and financial corporations was increased by 12 points, 1.26 billion through the 5 points increase on the cash reserve for savings and housing corporations' accounts, another 1.26 billion from the increase to 30 percent of the deposit required to obtain import licenses, and 760 million pesos when the official agencies' deposits were transferred to the bank of the republic.

UNION OF WORKERS OF COLOMBIA PLENUM RATIFIES STRIKE ORDER

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[Text] A plenum of delegates of the Union of Workers of Colombia [UTC] today ratified a previous order calling for a nationwide strike. The date for the strike has not yet been set, but it will be supported by over 1.5 million workers, the UTC said. The labor central's plenum rejected the resignation presented by its president, Tulio Cuevas Romero, who was unanimously ratified in his post.

FORMER PRESIDENT LLERAS RESTREPO CALLS STRIKE 'POLITICAL'

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[Text] Former President Carlos Lleras Restrepo today said the strike planned by the Colombian labor unions is a political one. He accused Tulio Cuevas, president of the Union of Workers of Colombia [UTC], of participating actively in party politics. In his statements to this newscast, he remembered that during his administration he also had a strike. The approaching one, he said, is Lopez Michelsen's. The Liberal presidential hopeful said the strike will serve only to undermine the national labor centrals.

LIBERALS REACH FORMULA FOR SINGLE PARTY CANDIDATE

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[Text] The four Liberal presidential hopefuls will meet on the Tuesday following the Sunday of the congressional elections to learn of the elections results. Based on the first official registrar's report, they will issue a joint communique with the name of the victor and, consequently, the Liberal Party's candidate for the presidential elections in 1978. This formula will be consigned in an official statement to be issued in the near future by the hopefuls which will also make official a group of special norms which will be incorporated into the San Carlos agreement.

Former President Carlos Lleras Restrepo has expressed his complete confidence that he will obtain the highest number of Liberal votes in the congressional elections of February 1978. He also predicted that his movement will win the largest number of seats in the Senate, the House, department assemblies and municipal councils. He forecast that next year congress will experience a turnover of at least 80 percent of its seats. The former president also said he intends to campaign vigorously against voter absenteeism and confirmed that Bolivar, Santander and Boyaca are next on the campaign trail. He refused to comment on the meeting he held on 5 August with President Alfonso Lopez Michelsen. On the elections, he said that Valle, Cauca and Risaralda will be a tremendous surprise in votes for him in the February elections. Lleras Restrepo was reticent in commenting on the writing of the lists for candidates for public posts. He also refused to say if it is wise to have many lists in the primary elections. Showing exceptional vigor, the former president said he was preparing to tour all of Colombia some of several times.