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On Feb. 19, pamphlets distributed throughout the city of Ayacucho in the name of Sendero Luminoso threatened workers and merchants with death if they did not halt all activity until Feb. 26. The strike was called by the rebels to protest government economic policies. According to the region's political-military command, police and military units patrolled the streets "to act energetically against any change in the public order which hampers the -normal development of activities." Police announced that guerrillas were believed responsible for the death of a non-commissioned police officer in the northern town of Piura. (Basic data from AFP, 02/19/89)

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