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On April 12, the traditional Labor Day (May 1) street marches which conclude with rallies in downtown Bogota, were prohibited by mayor Andres Pastrana. The mayor said that given the circumstances of "public order" throughout the country, and especially in Bogota, authorizing the demonstrations would not be advisable. Jorge Carillo, president of the United Workers Confederation (CUT), requested the international labor movement to express its denunciation of Pastrana's prohibition. [Basic data from El Nuevo Herald (Miami), 04/13/89]

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