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On April 30, Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez announced an emergency program designed to create 170,000 new jobs, and provide food assistance to 600,000 poor families. In a message broadcast on radio and television, Perez said the program was an attempt to ease the effects of his government's austerity policies. Perez said the government had set aside \$525 million until year-end 1990 for the program. The country's trade union leaders have called a strike for May 18 to protest the government's economic policies. (Basic data from DPA, 04/30/89)

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