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On June 4 in Arequipa at a public rally, Mario Vargas Llosa was presented as the Democratic Front's official presidential candidate in next year's elections. The most important parties in the Front coalition are former president Fernando Belaunde Terry's Popular Action Party, the Popular Christian Party and the Liberty Movement. The Liberty Movement is comprised of political independents who rallied around Vargas Llosa when he spoke out against President Alan Garcia's attempt to nationalize Peruvian banks in 1987. The Front coalition supports neo-liberal economic policies, such as cutbacks of the public bureaucracy and reduced government intervention in the economy. (Basic data from AP, 06/04/89)

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