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On July 3, Peruvian author Mario Vargas Llosa reversed his decision not to run in the April 1990 presidential elections as the candidate of the center-right Democratic Front coalition. He had announced on June 21 that he was dropping out of the race, result of internal squabbles. At a news conference in El Escorial, Spain, Vargas Llosa said, "The impasse has been broken and so I am withdrawing my letter of resignation. From now on the coalition will have the cohesion and dynamism needed to create a force strong enough to carry out profound changes in the face of the serious crisis the country is undergoing." He said the impasse was broken when the Popular Action Party, led by former President Fernando Belaunde Terry, and the Popular Christian Party, led by former Lima mayor Luis Bedoya agreed to present joint candidates in cities with populations of over 50,000. Vargas Llosa was nominated June 4 as the Democratic Front's candidate. Opinion polls had indicated he was the most likely candidate to succeed President Alan Garcia. (Basic data from New York Times, 07/04/89)

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