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On June 18, Costa Rican President Rafael Calderon told reporters that the Venezuelan government had approved a \$51 million loan for San Jose. Of the total, \$16 million are earmarked for construction of a bridge on the Tempisque River, and \$5 million for an irrigation project. In addition, Caracas agreed to supply Costa Rica with 16,000 barrels per day of refined oil products. The national refinery (RECOPE), damaged in the April earthquake, is expected to remain out of commission for another seven months. (Basic data from EFE, 06/18/91)

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