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On April 19 in Santo Domingo, police dispersed dozens of physicians, attorneys and agronomists on strike to pressure the government for salary hikes. Among the dozens of professionals arrested, Sigfrido Cabral, secretary general of the teachers' association, and Wilson Gomez, president of the attorneys' association. About 6,000 physicians throughout the country joined a work stoppage demanding salary increments. President Joaquin Balaguer described the demands for higher salaries as "just," but impossible to meet due to requirements contained in an International Monetary Fund stand-by agreement. The accord is to be signed in the next few days. [Basic data from AFP, 04/19/91; Prensa Latina (Cuba), 04/20/91]

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