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On April 25, spokespersons for Autolatina said that over the past two weeks, the metalworkers' strike has caused the loss of 20,239 vehicles. Autolatina is comprised of Latin American subsidiaries of Volkswagen and Ford. In addition to automotives assembly plants, the strike has affected manufacturers of auto parts and components. Autolatina employees number about 56,000. According to union sources, over 50% of the 185,000 metalworker union members in the ABCD industrial belt of Sao Paulo have joined the strike. Workers demand a wage hike of 216.65% to compensate for real wage loss over the past year. (Basic data from AFP, 04/25/91)

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