

Peruvian Police Seize NSIPS Documents in Mail

Nov. 12 (NSIPS) — The Policia de Investigaciones del Peru (PIP — the Peruvian political police) have apparently illegally intercepted in the international mails legal documents which they themselves had requested to complete their investigation of Luis Vasquez, the Lima director of New Solidarity International Press Service.

PIP officials informed NSIPS last week that they would continue their four-week detention of Vasquez until presented with notarized affidavits from NSIPS chief Nancy Spannaus affirming her sole responsibility for the contents of NSIPS material. The documents were sent but have now "disappeared" in the mail. A Peruvian postal worker told NSIPS, "I shouldn't be telling you this, but the PIP does go over foreign mail."

Launch Commission of Inquiry as NSIPS Newsman Still Jailed

Nov. 9 (NSIPS) — An International Commission of Inquiry is now being formed in response to the Nov. 5 call by New Solidarity International Press Service (NSIPS) to investigate the illegal detention of two NSIPS correspondents in Peru and the closing of the press agency's Lima offices. A proposal will be submitted to the Commission to send a delegation to conduct an on-the-scene investigation in Lima, where correspondent Luis Vasquez Medina has remained in jail for 23 days. A second correspondent, U.S. citizen Gretchen Guthrie Small, was deported to the United States after spending 10 days in deten-

tion. Charges have not been brought against either of the two.

In addition to the previously announced signators of the call for a Commission of Inquiry — Professor Lloyd Motz, Columbia University and member of the National Academy of Science; Dr. Morris Levitt, Executive Director of the Fusion Energy Foundation; Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., 1976 presidential candidate of the U.S. Labor Party; Dr. Stephen Pepper of the Fund for Fair Elections (U.S.); Max Dean, attorney of the Labor Organizers Defense Fund; Helga Zepp, 1976 Chancellor candidate for the European Labor Party in West Germany; and Elio Aiuti, head of the health section of the Italian Socialist Party — the following distinguished representatives have added their names to the call:

***John Schoonover**, Physics Dept., Vanier College, Montreal.

***Jean-Pierre Beaudry**, Professor of Comparative Literature, University of Montreal.

***Louise Ouimet**, North American Labor Party candidate for Provincial Parliament, Quebec Province.

***Reverend Ron Haldeman**, Editor, Indianapolis Journal, Indianapolis, Indiana.

***Michael Tobin**, research associate, New York State Psychiatric Institute.

(Affiliations are listed for identification purposes only.)

The commission will be formed early next week, at which time it will consider sending a delegation to Lima for on-the-spot investigations of the illegal detention of Vasquez, the deportation of NSIPS correspondent Gretchen Small, the closure of the office, and the interference with NSIPS mail.