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PERUVIAN SECRET POLICE THREATEN CLLA MEMBER WITH ARREST FOR EXPOSING RIGHT-WING PLOT

April 2 (IPS)--Agents of the Peruvian secret police, Policia de Investigaciones de Peru (PIP), visited the home of the parents of a leading member of the Latin American Labor Committees (CLLA) in Lima, Peru this morning. The agents claimed to have a warrant for the arrest of Luis Vasquez, but did not give any reason for the supposed order and left after harassing Vasquez' family. It is still not known whether an actual warrant exists or whether the visit was part of a harassment operation against the CLLA.

Whether a warrant for Vasquez' arrest actually exists or not, the PIP threat is a direct response to the exposure by the CLLA of a concerted campaign by the Peruvian right-wing to force Peruvian President Francisco Morales Bermudez to abandon Peru's Third worldist, pro-development foreign policy. Civilian and military right-wing forces, reportedly under the leadership of Army General Gonzalo Briceno, are carrying out a blackmail campaign against Morales on the instructions of U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger who is attempting to force Peru to act as a satrapy of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Kissinger is particularly concerned that Peru drop its support for debt moratoria for the Third World -- a call made at the February meeting of the Group of 77 in Manila by Peruvian Foreign Minister Miguel Angel de la Flor.

The latest issue of the CLLA newspaper, Nueva Solidaridad, includes a full exposition of the process through which Morales has become a captive of the right and has acceded to right-wing and U.S. demands for austerity measures and crackdowns on the country's left-leaning press.

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