

Move to Halt Renewal of NSIPS UN Credentials

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 29 — A move is afoot to deny NSIPS the routine renewal of its press credentials at the United Nations. The action is coming from an as yet unknown but apparently powerful delegation, most likely the United States.

"We correlate this pressure tactic with the detention and deportation of our correspondent in Peru," said Nancy Spannaus, editor-in-chief of New Solidarity International Press Service. "Several months ago the U.S. Defense Department threatened a publisher in New Jersey with a cutoff of government purchases if the publisher marketed scientific material in association with the U.S. Labor Party. We expect such behavior from U.S. government agencies under Rockefeller pressure, but not from the United Nations."

Several delegations expressed anger and dismay at the news, since NSIPS, which has held UN credentials for two and a half years, is known for its regular, honest coverage of UN developments in the fight for the new world economic order. One observer called the claim by officials that NSIPS is "lobbying" delegates "a flimsy pretext, an obvious excuse."

Spannaus continued, "Governments which support the

new world economic order need our coverage, and they know it. We reported the Seventh Special Session, where Kissinger lied about the supposed willingness of the U.S. to negotiate on economic issues. We were the only newspaper in the U.S. to print long excerpts from the August 1976 declarations of the Non-Aligned Nations Colombo Summit. We covered the increasing isolation of the U.S. in its stand against the new world economic order at the 1976 General Assembly session, and we were the only U.S. news service that did so.

"That is why some unnamed delegation which fears the new world economic order is trying to clear us out of the United Nations," Spannaus said.

The attempt to block NSIPS's credentials was conveyed by William Powell, an official in the UN's Office of Public Information. He would not name the delegations which had registered complaints against NSIPS to him, although his reaction indicated he was under pressure from a powerful delegation.

There is no precedent of restricting news agencies at the UN, according to several long-time correspondents. The Assistant Secretary General for Public Information, Genechi Akatani, is presently considering the case at the request of NSIPS.