

members were on their way to talk to a lawyer in Temuco regarding the detention of two national officers (see SAIIC Newsletter no. 1, vol. 1). The other four members were held for 14 hours with no charge. Neculqueo was released six days later and his life threatened if he was seen again. He fled the country to Peru, where he was arrested again. After his release, he participated in the WCIP General Assembly in Panama. He is presently in Panama, expecting to obtain a visa to come to the United States and Canada.

If you or your organization can help with support efforts, please reach SAAIC by phone or mail. Also, any donations for Juan's family, still in Chile, can be sent through us.

Since we are devoting most of this newsletter to the WCIP Conference, we want to include the following information on indigenous concerns at the international level.

CANADA

The government owned National Canadian Railroad is expanding their railroad line in British Columbia. This expansion will have an extremely damaging effect on traditional Shuswap, Thompson, and Stolo fishing sites. The major places where fish lay their eggs will also be greatly damaged. The expansion program threatens all the native fishermen of the area. The 4th General Assembly of the World Council of Indigenous People resolved to give support to the first Indian nations, Shuswap, Thompson, and Stolo in their efforts to stop this expansion program to insure that the traditional economic base will not be destroyed.

SAMI NORDIC GROUP

The Sami Nordic Council suggests that during the International Year of Peace in 1986 the United Nations should organize a workshop on the role of indigenous peoples of the world. The objective of the workshop should be to emphasize and discuss human rights, solidarity, democracy, tolerance, knowledge, understanding, and acceptance of indigenous peoples. They should also discuss more concrete matters, such as war, disarmament, de-nuclearized zones, and other activities that threaten world peace and peaceful co-existence.