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CHILE

The Mapuche people are one of the groups most affected by the extreme oppression with which the Military government deals with most of the Chilean population. With their pro-oligarchy mentality, this government is trying all tactics to destroy the Indian organizations that focus on social or political issues. The Mapuche People, through their organization, Ad-Mapu, are putting up resistance to the threats of destruction and intimidation. They have participated actively along with thousands of Chileans in the Days of National Protest.

In January of 1984, a paramilitary comando force calling itself the Chilean Anti-Communist Alliance (ACHA), kidnapped and killed a Mapuche student. At the same time, they also threatened the lives of all Ad-Mapu leaders.

During the week of April 23rd (the Day of National Protest) to the 28th, eleven Ad-Mapu leaders were arrested by the military police. Since then, nine have been released due to pressure from the Mapuche People and international solidarity organizations. The other two, Jose S. Millao (President) and Domingo Jineo (Treasurer) were confined to Northern Chile. On July 25th, both were released, but their lives were threatened if they continued to participate actively in the Ad-Mapu organization.

During June and July, the repression and intimidation of the Mapuche has increased greatly. Among other things, government authorities have announced that the Ad-Mapu headquarters will be searched and the organization will be prohibited due to alledged "misuse of funds and Communist leadership."

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This conference is planned for September 20-30, 1984 in Panama. The WCIP which is recognized as an NGO within the United Nations is composed of the following regional organizations: 1.) CISA, The South American Indian Council, 2.) CORPI, The organization of Indian nations of Central America, Mexico, and Panama, 3.) Indian nations of the United States and Canada, 4.) Sami Nordic Council, and 5.) National Aboriginal Conference of Australia and the Maori Council of New Zealand. For a tentative agenda and further information for those wishing to attend, contact:

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