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We extend a welcome to all our friends who have an interest in receiving information about Central and South America. With this issue, we are initiating a bi-monthly bulletin in English containing summaries of information which we receive regarding Indian issues from Indian sources within South America. In this first issue, we include information from various countries, which will be amplified in forthcoming issues. Also from time to time, we will send out emergency bulletins about events in South America that affect Indian people. The committee of SAIIC welcomes you and looks forward to our continued communication. Our office is located at Intertribal Friendship House, 523 E. 14th st., Oakland, California and our mailing address is P.O. Box 7550, Berkeley, California, 94707.

Working Commission Reports: Second Conference of Indian Nations and Organizations of South America, Tiwanaku, Bolivia, March 6-13, 1983. With this publication, SAIIC initiates a series of publications containing information received from South American Indian sources in order to reach English-speaking readers throughout the world. We depend on your valuable collaboration in order to continue to maintain open communication, which will bring us together in a dialogue of solidarity focusing on the problems we face today, and our aspirations for the future.--Nilo Cayuqueo, Coordinator of SAIIC.

** Special thanks to Ester Hernandez who designed the SAIIC logo.**

ECUADOR

The different Indian organizations in Ecuador have found it necessary to create a coalition organization to present a united front against continual government policies prejudicial towards Indian people. The Second Meeting of the Indigenous Peoples and Organizations of Ecuador took place in Quito from April 11-14, 1984. In his opening speech, the coordinator of the meeting, Manuel Imbaquingo, remarked that despite the racism and conflicts that Indians suffer, the meeting represents an advance in the Indian struggle against external exploitation.

COLOMBIA

The federation of Indian Communities of the Cauca (CRIC) are being harassed by the Colombian army in the army's struggle against the guerrilla movement M-19. Several Indian organizations, including CISA, have deplored the army's repressive actions a-