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The Quechua work collectively in a "minga", which is a traditional communal system of work.

International Week of the Disappeared

The Latin American Federation of Relatives of the Disappeared—FEDEFAM—called the seventh annual **Week of the Disappeared** on May 24-31, 1988. FEDEFAM is a Latin American organization comprised of national associations of family members of victims of disappearances. Over 90,000 people have disappeared in Latin America. The majority of these are Indians—usually male, young, and extremely poor. Every disappeared human being represents a tragedy for friends and loved ones. Disappearances leave children orphaned and parents childless. Activities surrounding the **Week of the Disappeared** were directed at the need for the United Nations to formalize a convention which defines the practice of forced disappearances as a **CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY**. We urge all of our readers to write to the Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr.

Javier Perez de Cuellar, telling him that a Covenant on Forced Disappearance is needed. Letters may be sent to him at the following address:

Mr. Javier Perez de Cuellar
Secretary General
United Nations
New York, NY 10017

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Micaela Bastidas Feminine Community by Elizabeth Bobsy Draper

On a corner in Lima, Peru, stands a small and simple restaurant, like any other except that its menu features traditional high protein native foods of the Andes—a quinoa grain in the soup, chochos beans in the stew. The difference is proclaimed in the sign of ownership—"Micaela Bastidas Feminine Community."