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**DISAPPEARED CITIZENS**

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During these last years, the International Organizations of Human Rights, Jurists Organizations and Parliamentary Commissions of several european and american countries have received reiterated protests concerning the systematic violations of Human Rights and International Agreements which are being developed by Uruguayan Government.

Since 1974, the Uruguayan Government is kidnapping political refugees in Argentina. The action of Uruguayan Security Forces in co-ordination with Argentine's has ended several times in the assassination of their victims.

More than fifteen uruguayan citizens have appeared dead either in Uruguayan or Argentine territory. In spite of that, authorities of both countries have never started a single investigation to find out the responsibility of their Security Services in those kidnappings and assassinations. Several Habeas Corpus ressorts were interposed by lawyers and relatives but none of them have had any result. Whenever Security Forces are asked for information these requests are always answered in the same way: the person looked for is not detained in any Police or Army Department.

Since 1976, the "disappearances" of citizens have become a systematic practice of the Uruguayan Government, in and out of frontiers. Consequently at the beginning of 1979 there are more than one hundred people kidnapped, and from whom no more news have been obtained.

It is necessary to emphasize, then, a double violation of the rules of International Law: the first one, that most of the opposers who were in exile in Argentine were under the protection of the United Nations High Commissariat for Refugees (U.N.H.C.R.). The second one, it has been largely proved the practice of illegal deportation of political refugees towards their home country, fact that is a violation of the universal principle which stipulates the relation between Uruguay and the rest of the countries.

"The delivery of refugees to authorities of their country of origin, in violation of Human Rights Conventions and other internationally accepted principles and norms, with the knowledge that such return poses grave risks to these persons, including placing their lives in danger, is certainly an act that involves the responsibility not only of the authorities of the country that makes possible or permits such delivery, but also of the country that requests (these refugees) return".

CIDH, 1976 ANNUAL REPORT, supra at 18

In the report mentioned above, the American jurist adds:

"The principle of nonreturn of refugees is therefore the cornerstone of the Convention and all State parties to that instrument accept that principle as a binding legal obligation".

Together with Argentina, Paraguay and Brazil, Uruguay is a signatory country.

In February 1978, while the meeting of the United Nations Commission of Human Rights, a group of relatives was present at Geneva to denounce the desperate situation of the "disappearances". In that occasion, the Commission determined to include Uruguay in the item 12B as a country which shows a flagrant degree of violation of Human Rights.

Considering that the situation of "disappearances" has not only continued but also got worse during 1978, the relatives, with the experience of last February community action, have decided to organize an "Association of Relatives of Uruguayan Disappeared People" (AFUDE), whose constitution meeting was held in Paris in October 1st, 1978.

The following file, containing the list of Uruguayan citizens "disappeared", was made by AFUDE gathering all the information joined until now. We hope this information will be useful for the delegates to this Commission to increase their knowledge on the dramatic reality of our country.

We expect, finally, that this 35th. meeting of the United Nations Commission of Human Rights will issue a resolution which may be more effective to help to put an end to this situation.

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The following list of Uruguayans "disappeared" gathers all the information we have been able to obtain from several solidarity and Human Rights Organizations. It also includes testimonial information which was obtained from people who is actually living in Europe as refugees and have brought information about kidnapped citizens.

Sometimes we were asked to keep these testimonies in anonymity. Because of the repressive situation in the countries of the Southern Cone our informers feared the possibility of revenge upon their families who are still living there or upon the prisoners themselves.

URUGUAYAN CITICENS "DISAPEARED" BECAUSE OF REPRESSIVE SITUATION

<sup>1</sup>  
Ricardo DEL FABRO

Uruguayan refugee. He was kidnapped in July 1975 in Argentine. There are no news from him since that date.-

<sup>2</sup>  
Félix MIGUEZ

Uruguayan refugee. Kidnapped on August 8th 1975 in Argentina. No information about his whereabouts.-

<sup>3</sup>  
Winston MAZZUCHI

Uruguayan refugee. 31 years old. Married. Business Agent. He was detained on February, 8th 1976 at the railway station "Belgrano" in Buenos Aires. Habeas Corpus resorts were interposed without results.

<sup>4</sup>  
Nebio MELO CUESTAS



CABRERA PRATES

Refugee. 32 years old. Married. One child. Technician in Dairies. He was detained on February, 8th 1976 at the railway station "Belgrano" in Buenos Aires City. According to information from witnesses he was detained with MAZZUCHI by an armed group. His mother and his wife, refugees in Holland have denounced the kidnapping in several International Commissions and have interposed Habeas Corpus Resorts.-

Refugee. 47 years old. Married. Two children. Uruguayan

Identity card Number: 66.233. Former Bank Clerk.  
Trade Union Leader of Private Banks.-

In 1974, he moved to Buenos Aires because of repressive situation in Uruguay. He was kidnapped on April, 5th 1976 from his house of Almeira Street 719 El Tropezón, Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Habeas Corpus resorts have been interposed and several steps have been taken in International Organisms.-



Eduardo CHIZZOLA

25 years old. Single. Gymnastics Teacher. He was kidnapped with Talba JUAREZ (whose corpse appeared two days after) on April, 17th 1976. There are no news from him up to now.

Hugo GOMENSORO

Student. 22 years old. He was kidnapped on May, 13th 1976 at National Direction of Migration in Buenos Aires, while he was taking steps to obtain the renewal of his residence permission.- No news from him up to now.-

<sup>8</sup>  
José GAETANO MAIGNOR

Uruguayan refugee. Disappeared in May 1976 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.-

<sup>9</sup>  
Manuel LIBEROFF



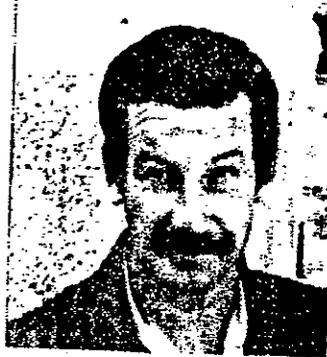
56 years old. Born in Argentine. Resident in Uruguay since 1943. He has the legal uruguayan nationality. Doctor in Medicine. Leader of the medical association in Uruguay. Member of the Central Committee of the Uruguay Communist Party. After the Coup d'Etat of 1973, and by means of a decree, he was deprived of his uruguayan nationality and was evicted to Argentine.

On May, 19th 1976, at 2:30 in the morning, he was kidnapped after having been roughly beaten by a group of 25 armed people from his house in San Martin Street 2610 in Buenos Aires.

The house was plundered. His wife, direct witness of the kidnapping, was able to recognize among the group, uruguayan and argentine staff operating coordinately. LIBEROFF was at that time convalescent, as he had been operated on, of a bowel cancer, and the wound was not yet healed

Habeas Corpus resorts have been interposed and the case was denounced to Military, Civil and Church Authorities without any result.

10  
Gerardo GATTI ANTUÑA



Refugee. 44 years old. Married. Three children. Former Trade Union leader of Graphic Workers.- Founder of the Workers National Convention.-(C.N.T.) Founder of masses organization "Resistencia Obreo-Estudiantil.(Workers and Student Resistance) Leader of the Partido por la Victoria del Pueblo. (Peoples Victory Party).

He was kidnapped on July, 9th 1976 from his home in Buenos Aires, Grecia Street placed in Belgrano quarter.- According to several testimonies it is known that GATTI has been interrogated and brutally tortured by uruguayan Armed Forces.-

A wide action of denounce has been held together with intensive steps that have been taken by his mother and wife, without obtaining any official information.-

11  
HUGO MENDEZ



31 years old. Married, Two children. Textile worker. Trade-union leader of Textile Union. Member of the Workers National Convention.(CNT) He was detained with his wife at their home in Villa Ballester, Province of Buenos Aires on June, 15th 1976.-His wife, after being released has denounced the case. There are also testimonies that prove that MENDEZ was also in uruguayan military's

12  
Ruben CANDIA

hands.

Disappeared in Argentina in June 1976.-

13  
Mercos AROCENA DA SILVA

Disappeared in Argentina on July, 13th 1976 in Buenos Aires.-

14  
DUARTE LUJAN



Refugee. 48 years old. Married. Three children.  
Worker of Rubber Factory (F.U.N.S.A.).-  
General Secretary of Rubber Union and Member  
of National Workers Convention's Secretariat.  
Leader of the Partido por la Victoria del Pueblo  
He was kidnapped on July 13th 1976 during the night.  
Denounce have been made and Habeas Corpus resorts  
have been interposed.-

As in the case of GATTI and MENDEZ there are  
testimonies that DUARTE has been detained, question-  
ed and tortured by the Uruguayan Armed Forces.

15  
Alberto Cecilio MECHOSO MENDEZ

Refugee, 42 years old. Married. Kidnapped in the  
street on September, 26th 1976. Several steps have  
been taken without any result.-

16  
Adalberto WALDEMAR SOBA

Detained in Buenos Aires city on September 26th  
1976.-

17  
Roger JULIEN CACERES

Refugee. 33 years old. Married. Two children.  
Graphic worker. He was kidnapped together with  
his wife and children by an armed group from  
their house in San Martin quarter in Buenos Aires.  
on September, 26th 1976.-

The Habeas Corpus resorts that have been interposed  
not only in Argentina but in Uruguay as well, have  
had no result.- In December 1977, an International  
Mission of Jurists, composed by J.L. Weil, R. Goldman

and M. Martinez Bjorkman visited Uruguay in order to investigate about the situation of "disappearances". This Mission, representing the International Movement of Democrat, Jurists, International Federation of Human Rights, United States International Church Council and International Secretariat of Jurists for Amnesty in Uruguay had several interviews with civil and military authorities in Montevideo. During the interview they have had with Colonel Silva Ledesma, President of the Military Court of Justice, it has become clear that Roger JULIEN is detained in Montevideo. Nevertheless, Colonel Silva gave no information about JULIEN's family.

Neither the French Consul in Montevideo (Julien has double nationality) nor Julien's family have succeed in seeing him.-

18  
Victoria GRISONAS DE JULIEN

Refugee, 30 years old. She is Julien's wife. She was detained with her husband and their children.

19  
Pablo ERRANDONEA

21 years old. Student. Kidnapped in the street in September 1976.-

20  
Jorge ZAFFARONI

Refugee. 26 years old. Kidnapped at home in Venezuela Street 3328, Buenos Aires, together with his wife and their little daughter of only one year and a half by an armed group.-



21  
Ma. Emilia ISLAS DE ZAFFARONI

Refugee. Zaffaroni's wife. She was kidnapped with her husband and their daughter. No official answer of their whereabouts until now.-



22  
Raúl TEJERA

Refugee, 27 years old. Business Agent. Kidnapped in the street on September 26th 1976.-

23  
Miguel Angel MORALES VON PIEVERLING

Refugee. Student of Medicine. Kidnapped in the corner of Juramento and Ciudad de la Plata streets, Buenos Aires on September, 28th 1976.-

24  
Josefina KLEINER LLADO DE MORALES

Refugee. She is Morales' wife. Kidnapped with her husband on the same date and the same place.

25  
Washington GRAM



Refugee, builder. Kidnapped on September 28th 1976 in Juramento Street, Buenos Aires.-

26  
Cecilia TRIAS



Student.-Kidnapped in the same conditions as Washington Gram. All the steps that have been taken have not obtained any information about their whereabouts.-

27  
Ruben PRIETO GONZALEZ

Refugee. 23 years old. Married. Two Children. He was kidnapped on September, 30th 1976 at the entrance of Pirovano Hospital in Buenos Aires.

28  
Pablo RECAGNO

Refugee since 1973. Student. Kidnapped on October, 1st 1976 in the street.-

29  
Casimira Ma. del Rosario CARRETERO

Refugee since 1973. Student. Married with Pablo Recagno. Kidnapped in the same circumstances of her husband.-

30  
Miguel Angel MORENO

Student. Disappeared on October, 1st 1976

31  
Rafael LEZAMA GONZALEZ

Student. Kidnapped on October 1st 1976.-

32  
Carlos RODRIGUEZ MERCADER



Refugee. 30 years. Technic School Teacher. He is married with Ivonne Trias who is imprisoned in Punta Riales prison in Uruguay since 1972. He was kidnapped in Bs. Aires on October 1st 1976.-

33  
Bernardo ARNONE HERNANDEZ



Washington QUEIRO

Refugee, 26 years. Married. Metallurgic Industry Worker. Kidnapped in the street in Buenos Aires on October 2nd 1976. -A. Habeas Corpus respert was interposed by his family on May 27th 1977 to Argentine authorities.-

Refugee. Worker. He was living in Argentine since 1972. Disappeared on October, 4th 1976.-

35  
Norma SCOPISE

Refugee. 28 years old. Widow. Mother of a girl of six years old. Employee.

Her neighbours are witnesses of her kidnapping by an armed group on November, 23rd 1976. On that occasion her husband was assassinated and she was badly injured as the result of throwing herself from her fourth floor flat.-

36  
Carlos HERNANDEZ MACHADO

No particulars.-

37  
Warner Ademir BENTANCOUR GARIN



Refugee. 26 years old. Textile worker and active Trade-union leader. Since 1974 he lived with his family in Argentine. He was kidnapped by argentine armed forces staff while he was coming back home from work at seven o'clock in the morning on September, 3rd 1976. Several steps have been made by his family, actually refugee in Sweden, obtaining no official information about his whereabouts.-

38  
Elba Lucia GANDARA CASTROMAN



35 years old. Married. Four Children. She was arrested at her house in Hilario Lagos Street 466, Florencio Varela, Province of Buenos Aires on February 18th 1977. Together with her husband she was detained by Police and Argentine Army officers. They were prisoners in Police Depar-

tements and were both of them tortured by uruguayan officers.-

Her husband, Juan VELAZQUEZ, released and actually refugee in Holland with his four children, has denounced this case in many International Organizations for Human Rights.-

39  
Adriana GATTI CASAL



Refugee, 18 years old. Daughter of Gerardo GATTI, Trade-union and politic uruguayan leader who was kidnapped on June, 9th 1976. His daughter Adriana was kidnapped on April 8th 1977. At that moment she was pregnant of 7 months. Her grandmother interposed an Habeas Corpus resort by means of the United Nations High Commissariat for Refugees in Buenos Aires, request that was answered as usually: authorities deny her arrestation. Her mother, refugee in Europe has made uncountable efforts trying to know something about her whereabouts but there are not any news until now.-

40  
Luis Fernando MARTINEZ SANTORO

Kidnapped in August 1977.-

41  
Jesús SUAREZ

33 years. He was detained in Concordia city (Argentina) in July 1977. At the same place and at the same date was detained Eduardo ROBATTO GUERREIRO, who was after deported to Uruguay and obliged to sign a declaration testifying that his arrestation took place in Uruguay.-

From Suarez nothing more has been known.-

42  
José Enrique MICHELENA

Was kidnapped with his wife on June 14th 1977. According to neighbours testimonies they were arrested by a Security Force group constituted

by two persons in uniform and three in plain clothes. Their two children of three and five years old were abandoned in the surroundings. Other sources indicate the date of the kidnapping between August and September.-

43  
Graciela R. DE MICHELENA

Was arrested with her Husband, José Michelena.-

44  
Germán Nelson GARCIA CALCAGNO



27 years old. Married. One daughter. Photograph He lived in Argentine since 1975 after leaving Uruguay because of repressive situation.

He was detained near the place where he worked by an armed group near Plaza Italia, Bs. As.

The case was denounced by his wife, actually refugee in Sweden. Nothing is known about his whereabouts.

45  
Elena LERENA DE CORCH

25 years old. Administrative employee at the Secondary School Council of Montevideo.

Kidnapped together with her husband at their home in Buenos Aires, in December 1977.-

46  
Raúl Edgardo BORELLI CATANEO



César O'ELIA

Refugee since September 1975. 23 years old. Medicine student and Secondary School Teacher.- He is kidnapped on December 22nd 1977 in his house in Buenos Aires.- According to neighbours' testimonies at least ten non official cars took part in the kidnapping. His relatives have travelled to Argentine in order to interpose Habeas Corpus resorts. No answer up to now.

37 years old. Economist. Kidnapped with his wife on December 1977 in Buenos Aires.-

49  
Jorge HERNANDEZ RODRIGUEZ

She was pregnant of eight months when she is kidnapped with her husband on December, 12th 1977

22 years old. Uruguayan identity card number: 1.399.126. Resident in Argentine since 1975. Argentine Identity card number: 92166026. He was arrested at his job in Cia. "Peisa" in Lanus Province of Buenos Aires on August, 23rd 1977. His father has taken several steps to find him, A habeas corpus resort was interposed but nothing is known about him.

50  
Ataliva CASTILLO

48 years old. Worker in Sugar-Cane Plantations. Leader of the Union of Sugar -Cane plantations of Artigas (North Department of Uruguay).- He was detained at his residence in Laferret, Province of Buenos Aires, together with Angel RIO CASAS. Neighbours were witnesses of the kidnapping and of the death of a woman in that place. His wife, actually refugee in England has taken steps to know the whereabouts of Castillo, with no results.

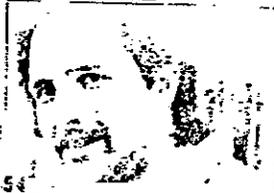
51  
Gustavo GOICOCHEA

Former worker of B.A.O., a Soap Factory in Montevideo. He was detained together with his wife in December 1977 in Argentine.

52  
Laura DE GOICOCHEA

Was kidnapped with her husband, Gustavo Goicochea.

53  
Gustavo ARCE



54  
Raúl GAMBARD



Textile Worker. He worked in "Alpargatas", a textile factory in Montevideo. He was kidnapped at the end of December 1977 in Buenos Aires. The steps that have been taken to find him were useless.

Married. Textile worker. Kidnapped on December, 27th 1977 in Buenos Aires city. There has been no official answers, to the resorts interposed.

55  
Edmundo José DOSSETTI

28 years. Married. Student in Economics.  
"Disappeared" together with his wife on  
December, 27th 1977

56  
Sra. de DOSSETTI

Kidnapped with her husband, Edmundo Dossetti.-

57  
Célica GOMEZ ROSSANO

31 years old. Single. Employee.  
She was kidnapped by an armed group in  
January 1973 and obliged to get into a car.  
The kidnapping took place near her work.  
Since that day nothing has been known  
about her.-

58  
Carlos Federico CABEZUDO PEREZ

29 years old. Mathematics Teacher.  
He was kidnapped with the uruguayan couple  
-Carolina and Jubelino Carneiro- on December  
30th 1977.

59  
Carolina BARRIENTOS DE CARNEIRO

Kidnapped with her husband, mentioned above.

60  
Alfredo BOSCO

26 years old. Married. Two children. Bank clerk  
and Student in Economics .Kidnapped on  
December, 29th 1977.-

61  
Graciela Noemí BASALDO

Arrested in Buenos Aires at the end of December  
1977. "Disappeared" since then

62  
Tenorio CERQUEIRA

Kidnapped in December 1977.-

63  
Rodr Pedro OLIVERA CANCELA

Kidnapped on June,5th 1978.-

64  
Helio SERRA

Kidnapped on June,27th 1978.-

65  
Segundo CHEJENIAN

Kidnapped since October 1976.-

66  
Graciela MARTINEZ DE CHEJENIAN

Kidnapped since October 1976.-

67  
Lourdes HOBLOS DE HERNANDEZ

Married. Four Children.Kidnapped with three  
of her children in July 1977

68  
Daniel ALFARO

Kidnapped in his house in Rincón street  
in Buenos Aires in July 1977.

His mother has denounced the case in  
United Nations.-

69  
Mary Norma LUPI

Kidnapped in June 1977.-

70  
Maria Rosa SILVEIRA GRAMONT

Kidnapped on August,13th 1978.-

71  
José Luis URTASUN

50 years old.Resident in Argentine since 1975.-  
He was left Uruguay because of politic perse-  
cution.He "disappears" in Buenos Aires in  
August 1978.-His family,has arrived in Argen-  
tina from Montevideo to investigate about  
his whereabouts.The case has already been  
denounced to International Organizations.-

"DISAPPEARED" CITIZENS THAT HAVE BEEN SEEN IN ARGENTINE'S PRISONS

72

Eduardo O'NEIL VELAZQUEZ Refugee. He was detained together with Celmar Alves Heredia and Felipe Camejo, both of uruguayan nationality, on January, 18th 1977, in a square placed in the corner of Estomba and Montenegro streets, in Paternal quarter of Buenos Aires .-

They were detained for background investigation and they were brought to Police Station number 39 by a Police car.-

According to Mr. Celmar Alves Heredia's testimony, who was re-located as a political refugee in Europe, both O'NEIL and the other citizen were arrested and interrogated. Twenty-four hours later, O'NEIL is brought to the Guard Office, where he is informed by an officer that he had been released. The officer gave him his belongings and O'NEIL signed his discharge from the Police Station.

After that he was brought to cell again and during twenty days all of them were brutally tortured at Police Station number 39.-

Afterwards Celmar Alves was removed from that Police Station and he had no more news about O'Neil's whereabouts.-

O'Neil's family has investigated about him, but the Argentine authorities deny his arrest and show the family the book signed by O'Neil on January, 20th 1977.-

73

Héctor GIORDANO 38 years old. Lawyer. He was kidnapped in June 1978 in Buenos Aires. He was seen by Ubal Lanes, who was detained in Argentina and who was some time later released. Ubal Lanes, now refugee in Sweden, assures that Héctor GIORDANO was detained in "Palomar" military camp in Argentine.

74

Miguel Angel RIO CASAS Refugee. 30 years old. Worker. Resident in Argentine since May 1974, where he worked in a Plastic Factory.-

He was detained on December, 24th 1977 at Ataliva Castillo's house in Laferre Province of Buenos Aires, by a group of people in plain clothes, who was waiting for him there.

At the same day a raid has been made at his house in Villa Numancia, Partido de San Vicente, Province of Buenos Aires.-

The raid has been executed by a group of soldiers of Argentine Army from San Justo militar camp, and after the raid the house has been burned up by them.-

His wife, refugee in France with his son has taken steps, but could not obtain any official answer. According to several testimonies of people that have been detained in Argentina and are now refugees in Europe, Miguel RIO has been detained in a clandestine prison near Quilmes city, where he has been brutally tortured. In half 1978 he has been transferred to an unknown place.



75  
Guillermo SOBRINO

Refugee. He was detained at his job, in a printing press of Buenos Aires. According to Washington Rodriguez testimony, who was detained in Argentina, and released, it is known that SOBRINO has been detained in one of the clandestine Argentine's prisons, near Quilmes Province of Buenos Aires, where he was questioned and tortured by uruguayan Army officers.-

76  
Mario MARTINEZ

Refugee. 35 years old. Married. The house where they lived in Buenos Aires has been raided and he was detained on that occasion together with his wife, in December 1977. They have been seen in Quilmes clandestine prison in April 1978.-

77  
María Antonia CASTRO DE MARTINEZ

32 years old. Medicine Doctor. She was detained with her husband, mentioned above, and she has also been seen with him in Quilmes prison.

78  
Alberto CORCHS LAVIÑA

Refugee. 33 years old. One child. Student in engineering.  
Employee. He was kidnapped with his wife, Elena Lerena de CORCHS, from their house  
in Buenos Aires, in December 1977.

Alberto Corchs has been seen in April 1978 by Washington Rodriguez in Quilmes  
prison.-

79  
Juan CARDOZO

20 years old. He has lived in Argentina for  
five years. In December 1977 he is kidnapped in Gral. Madariaga city and he is  
brought to Buenos Aires in the carter of a car. He has been also seen by Washington  
Rodriguez in April 1978 at Quilmes Prison.- He had been tortured by uruguayan  
officers.-

80  
Alfredo MOYANO

Married. (disappeared since December 1977).  
According to Rodriguez's testimony he was  
detained in Quilmes prison.-

81  
Sra. DE MOYANO

She was detained with her husband, mentioned above.  
She was pregnant when she was detained and has also  
been seen at Quilmes prison.-

82

Note: The cases mentioned above are denounced in Washington Rodriguez's testimony  
uruguayan citizen now refugee in Sweden, on July, 19th 1978.-

Washington Rodriguez was kidnapped on April, 1st 1978 in Buenos Aires  
He was detained during 15 days in a clandestine prison. This prison is called  
"El Pozo" (The Hole) by the Argentine Security Services.

"It is a third storey house with eight cells per floor and a bathroom in each  
floor. The offices and a torture room were placed in the first floor. The cells  
looked out on a courtyard with iron bar roof."

"In that place I met other uruguayan citizens who were brought there to be  
tortured. They were detained in another sort of "Pozo" (Hole) placed in Sanfield city  
Province of Buenos Aires. These prisoners informed me that at that moment

there were 22 uruguayan citizens who were brought there to be tortured.

The prison in Sanfield has two floors.

Uruguayan prisoners

in the second floor in one of the rooms. Argentine prisoners were in  
a "char room."

83  
Andrés Abelino CARNEIRO DA FONTOURA 34 years old. Student. Kidnapped on  
in early, 30th 1977. He has been seen detained in Benfield prison.-

84  
Aida SANZ ITZAMARIEZ 28 years old. Married. She was Kidnapped at  
her house in San Antonio de Parua, Prov. of Buenos Aires on December, 27th  
1977. She was eight month pregnant when she was detained. She and her mother  
who was visiting her in Buenos Aires were kidnapped by an armed group.  
According to testimonies of people actually refugee in Europe it is known  
that Aida Sanz was detained in a clandestine prison in Guilmes. She was  
tortured and on December, 27th 1977 she gave birth to a girl. The baby was  
immediately separated from her mother.-

Testimonies assure also that her husband was tortured in front of her.  
It is known that she has been under torture at least until May 1978.-  
That she has been also dropped with Pentotal.-

85  
Elsa FERNANDEZ DE SANZ 68 years old. Mother of Aida Sanz, mentioned above.  
She was kidnapped with her daughter on December, 23rd 1977. She was visiting her  
daughter in Buenos Aires since November, 29th. She has been seen in Benfield's prison.



URUGUAYAN CITIZENS KIDNAPPED IN PARAGUAY

86  
Gustavo INZAURRALDE MELGAR Refugee. 27 years old. Teacher. Leader of Teachers Union.  
He left Uruguay in 1971, where he was detained because of Present Security Measures.  
He travelled to Chile protected by Constitutional option to leave the country.-  
After the Coup d'Etat in Chile in 1973, he was protected by an Argentine Amnesty  
law for refugees: moving to Argentina. In September 1976, and because of repressive  
situation against latin american refugees in Argentina, he asks protection to the  
United Nations High Comisariat for Refugees in Buenos Aires.  
While taking steps in Paraguay to travel to Sweden, he was kidnapped there with  
two other persons: Nelson Santana Escoto, uruguayan citizen and José Weil, Argentine  
citizen, on March, 28th 1977.-

On July, 21st 1977, and by means of a communique of Uruguayan Armed Forces Press Service, his capture is required.

This is a common procedure used by Uruguayan Security Forces to hide kidnappings and illegal deportations.-

On October 5th 1977, Archbishop of Asunción del Paraguay informed Inzaurrealde's wife, actually refugee in Sweden, that in May 1977, Gustavo had been deported to Buenos Aires and from there to Montevideo in an airplane together with other prisoners.

Other testimonies assure that Gustavo Inzaurrealde and Nelson Santana had been detained at Police Investigation Department in Asunción and that they had been given back to Uruguayan Police.-

Many steps have been taken to investigate Inzaurrealde's whereabouts without any success until now.-



87  
Nelson SANTANA SCOTTO

Refugee. 25 years old. Worker in a rubber Factory

(F.U.N.S.A.) in Montevideo.-

He left Uruguay in 1975 because of repressive situation and travelled to Argentina. He asked protection from the United Nations High Comissariat for Refugees in Buenos Aires and on March, 13th he travelled to Paraguay.

In March, 28th he was kidnapped with Gustavo Inzaurrealde and he was imprisoned.

Testimonies assure that both him and Inzaurrealde had been given back to Uruguayan Security Services. The steps taken by his mother, Aurora Scotto, have been useless.

URUGUAYAN CHILDREN "DISAPPEARED" IN ARGENTINE

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Amaral GARCIA

Was kidnapped in Buenos Aires on November, 3th 1974 with his parents Floral Garcia and Mirta Yolanda Hernandez. He was three years old.-

On December, 20th 1974 his parents' corpses were found in the outskirts of Montevideo (Soca) together with the corpses of two other uruguayan citizens.-

The family was refuged in Argentine from where they were illegally deported to Uruguay. They were assassinated in Uruguay.

There have been no more news about the child.-

Actual Age: 7 years old.

89

Simón Antonio RIGUELO

He was kidnapped when he was only 20 days old with his mother Sara Rita Mendez on July, 13th 1976. They were kidnapped at their house in Buenos Aires.

Three months later, on October, 29th 1976, Uruguayan Armed Forces acknowledged that his mother, Sara Mendez, was detained in Montevideo.

While she was being visited in Punta Rieles prison by her family, Sara Mendez could inform them that after a few hours after her arrestation in Bs.As., the baby was taken away by the military. She could never see her baby again.

The baby's grandparents have taken several steps to find him with the aid of United Nations High Comissariat for Refugees in Buenos Aires and Montevideo.

Nothing is known about Simón who is actually two years old.-

90

Mariana ZAFFARONI ISLAS

Was kidnapped with her parents Jorge Zafaroni and Maria Emilia Islas on September, 27th 1976. She was one year and a half. Neighbours were witnesses when the police was arresting mother and baby at their house in Buenos Aires.

She is actually three years old.

Several steps have been taken to know her whereabouts. Nevertheless, nothing is known about the baby and her parents.-

91  
Anatole and Victoria JULIEN GRISONAS Were arrested with their parents at their house in Buenos Aires on September 26th 1976.-

Anatole was four years old. Victoria was only one year old.

All the steps that have been taken to find mother and children have been useless.-

92  
Beatriz Lourdes, Washington Fernando, Andrea Viviana HERNANDEZ HOBBS=!

They were kidnapped together with their mother, Lourdes HERNANDEZ de HERNANDEZ, in July 1977.

One of their brothers, who is 12 years old, was witness of the kidnapping.-

Their Father actually refugee in France has denounced the case in several International Organizations.

Actual age: 17, 16 and 5 years old.-

93  
Carmen SANZ Was born in a clandestine prison in Quilmes, Province of Buenos Aires. Immediately after the baby was born

it was separated from her mother. Nothing is known about her whereabouts.-

The baby was born on December, 27th 1977.-

These cases have been largely denounced in United Nations High Commissariat for refugees, Red Cross, Church Authorities, etc.

In spite of this, nothing is known about the case of these nine children.-



URUGUAYAN CITIZENS DISAPPEARED IN URUGUAY

94  
Fernando MIRANDA

50 years old. Employee . Disappeared since 1975.

95  
Eduardo BLEIER

Disappeared since October 1975.

96  
Julio CASTRO

Teacher. Journalist. He was kidnapped on August, 1st 1977  
On October, 3rd 1977, Uruguayan Government issued a commu-  
nique informing that Julio CASTRO had travelled to  
Argentina on September 22nd.

By this way, Uruguayan Government tries to hide his  
kidnapping. Several International Organizations have  
interceded in this case obtaining always the same  
answer.-

97  
Elena QUINTEROS

33 years old. Teacher. She was arrested in her house

in Montevideo on June, 24th 1976.-

On June 28th, she is brought to a certain place near Venezuela's Embassy, where  
she is supposed to meet somebody.

Being there she could elude police control and succeed in entering into Venezue-  
la Embassy where she shouted claiming refuge.

Police rangers in plain clothes entered then into the Embassy building, and  
after knocking out two Embassy secretaries, they kidnapped Elena Quinteros  
by force. Nothing is known about Elena until now. Uruguayan Governement has  
never acknowledged her arrest. As a result of the kidnapping Venezuela breaks  
diplomatic relations with Uruguay.

A large number of steps have been taken without obtaining any answer.

98  
Oscar BALIÑAS

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Francisco LAURENZO

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Enlia SANJURJO

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Omar RODRIGUEZ



QUINTEROS

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Pedro VARELA

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Hugo MONTANO

105  
Félix BENTIN

106  
Isaac TASSINO

Leader of Electric Company Union. According to Mr. Herminio Foulla and wife's testimony, who live actually in Belgium as refugees Isaac Tassino was arrested at their house in Montevideo on July, 19th 1977. The police was waiting for him since eight o'clock in the morning and Isaac arrived at the flat at 9.30.

Since that date Uruguayan authorities deny his arrestation. International Labour Organization (I.L.O.) has sent a letter asking information about Tassino's situation. Uruguayan Government answers that Tassino had been detained on February, 10th and only for a few hours, being released after that. -Nothing is known about him.-

107  
Julio CORREA

Leader of Maritim Transport Union. Kidnapped since 1975

108  
Julio ESCUDERO

Bank employee. "Disappeared" since November 1976

109  
Uebagansimen CHABEZ SOSA

Metallurgical Worker. Kidnapped since 1976.-

110  
Luis Eduardo GONZALEZ GONZALEZ

26 years old. Married, one child. Student in Medicine, leader of the Medicine Students Association. Worker in a factory of plastics. Leader of the Communist Revolutionary Party. Disappeared in Montevideo on December 13th, 1974. On January 10th, his capture is requested in a communiqué of the Joint Forces to try to eliminate their responsibilities in the case.

Ricardo BLANCO VALIENTE 40 years old. Disappeared on January 15th.

Angel CALLEHO 30 years old. Disappeared on January 17th, 1978