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PERUVIAN LABOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO BE RELEASED FROM PRISON TODAY; CIA COUP PLOT CONFIRMED

April 27 (IPS)--Two members of the Peruvian local of the Latin American Labor Committees (CLLA) are due to be released from the Callao political prison at 9:00 a.m. this morning, after being jailed for 23 days. The order for the release of Alfredo Erquizio and Angel Moschella was issued yesterday by the War Council of the Second Judicial Zone of the Peruvian Army, after the council determined in a session yesterday that there was absolutely no merit to the charges of "outrages against the Nation and the Armed Forces" originally brought against the two.

The circumstances around the arrest, imprisonment and release of the two CLLA members strongly confirm the International Caucus of Labor Committees' charges of a CIA destabilization operation against the Peruvian government of President Gen. Francisco Morales Bermudez. The operation is intended to defeat the government's pro-development foreign policy and encourage a right-wing military coup, which would almost certainly precipitate a war with Peru's neighbors.

Erquizio and Moschella were arrested on April 3 in Lima by agents of the Investigative Police of Peru (PIP) while selling copies of the CLLA newspaper Nueva Solidaridad which contained a detailed exposure of the threat of a coup and war by right-wing forces in the Peruvian military controlled by U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. The PIP is under the jurisdiction of the Interior Ministry, which itself is separate from the justice system of the military, and which is known to take orders from the CIA. Erquizio and Moschella were shortly transferred to the jurisdiction of the Second Judicial Zone of the police, who in turn transferred the men to the custody of the Second Judicial Zone of the Army.

Yesterday's order by the Army War Council to release the CLLA members was a rejection of the attempt by the CIA-directed PIP to try the men on charges of "outrages against the Nation and the Armed Forces." The CLLA is openly identified in Peru as a critical organizing force behind the calls of pro-development military factions for debt moratoria and a new world economic order.

The Peruvian branch of the CLLA will hold a press conference in Lima this morning to explain the release of Erquizio and Moschella as a significant tactical victory for pro-development forces throughout the Third World, and forced particularly by

Labor Committee organizing in the U.S. and Europe. The CLLA local will also announce that the U.S. Labor Party is demanding an immediate investigation by the U.S. Congress of the activities in Peru of the CIA, Henry Kissinger and his special advisor on Latin American military affairs, Luigi Einaudi.

Einaudi is working for the State Department while on extended leave from his position as director of the Latin American division of the Rand Corporation. At Rand, Einaudi directed extensive work profiling the Peruvian military and drafted a "Second War of the Pacific" scenario for controlling the continent through manipulation of longstanding border and territorial hostilities. Einaudi arrived in Peru last Wednesday, reportedly heading a mission to negotiate compensation for the expropriated Marcona mines. His arrival coincided with the initiation of highly sensitive secret bilateral talks between Chile and Peru over the issue of a Bolivian access to the Pacific Ocean.

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