

## Peruvian Interior Ministry Rejects NSIPS Director's Protest Letters As 'Inadmissible'

*The following letter, written by Colonel Carlos Arrisueño on behalf of the Peruvian Minister of the Interior Luis Cisneros, was sent to Nancy Spannaus, editor of New Solidarity International Press Service (NSIPS), in response to her letters of Nov. 17 and 23, 1976 protesting the month-long detention without charges of Lima NSIPS director, Luis Vásquez Medina, and the illegal closure of NSIPS offices in Lima. In her letters, Mrs. Spannaus demanded immediate attention by the*

*Interior Minister "to these irregularities which blemish the name of the Peruvian Revolution, and we further demand a prompt resolution in favor of liberty of the press and of individual guarantees." Vásquez Medina was released on Dec. 28, 1976 on "provisional liberty" pending trial before a military tribunal. He and other NSIPS staffers have since been subject to continual police harassment, and are vulnerable to arrest at any moment. The NSIPS office remains closed.*

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Ministry of the Interior; Intelligence Headquarters.  
Lima, December 31, 1976  
Communication No. 1890 EAM-0.900

Mrs. Nancy SPANNAUS, Director of NEW  
SOLIDARITY INTERNATIONAL PRESS SERVICE;  
Box 1972, New York, N.Y. 10001; NSIPS

Subject: Return communications for being inadmissible.

By order of the Peruvian Army Brigadier General (Luis Cisneros) Minister of the Interior, I am writing you to return your communications, dated 17 and 23 of November of this year, in relation to the present situation of citizen Luis VASQUEZ MEDINA, Peruvian Director of New Solidarity International Press Service, which are considered inadmissible.

In respect to this I inform you that the terms of these communications are not acceptable, since the freedom of expression existing in this country cannot be confused with the expressions you used in writing to a Minister. And consequently, far from facilitating a respectful dialogue, the only thing they show is a lack of civic consciousness, good breeding, maturity, and respect for the institutions of a sovereign State.

On the other hand, we reiterate that the Peruvian Revolution has been and will continue to be made by and for Peruvians, and it defines itself as independent, and thus rejects all attempts at foreign interference from whichever of the political systems the Revolution rejects.

God be with you,  
(signature and seal of Col. Carlos Arrisueño Escudero,  
General Director of the Ministry of the Interior)