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URGENT ACTION: CHILE

MORE ARRESTS OF MAPUCHE INDIANS IN CHILE INTERNAL EXILE FOR FOUR MAPUCHE LEADERS

On Thursday, January 10, only two days after the release of six Mapuche Indians who had been arrested on January 3, ll leaders of the Mapuche national organization, ADMAPU, were arrested in Temuco. The authorities say that the ll were planning to subvert the public order and that the meeting was an infraction of the new rules for assembly established by the chief of the Temuco emergency zone. In a new development, ADMAPU is now described in an official cable as a 'proscribed' organization.

Four of the 11 arrested have been sent into internal exile (<u>relegacion</u>) for 90 days. It is not known where they have been sent although it is likely to be somewhere in the harsh northern desert. Those sent into internal exile are:

- Jose Santos Millao, President of ADMAPU (he already served a 90 day sentence of internal exile in May-July, 1984)
- Rosamel Millaman, Secretary of ADMAPU
- Domingo Marileo
- Manuel Pilquil

Please send telegrams and/or letters protesting this action and calling for an end to the official harassment of the Mapuche to:

Sr. Sergio Onofre Jarpa Ministerio del Interior Santiago CHILE

Letters from organizations will be especially appreciated, although we encourage individuals to write also.

If you have questions about this situation please contact Margaret Thomas, Director of our Portland Office, who met with two of the above named Mapuches in July of last year as a member of the International Commission on the Situation of the Mapuche Indians.