

at least 130 children had been killed in the preceding 9 months in alleged confrontations with suspected subversives.

The following are some of the most dramatic cases of victimization of relatives of political activists and prisoners.

These examples are only a few among many which have been publicized. Hundreds of other similar cases never make the pages of newspapers. Often the victims themselves prefer not to dennounce their situation for fear of retaliations.

PUJADAS family, a son had been killed by Mavy personnel after an unsuccessful escape attempt from the Rawson prison near Trelew in 1972. All direct relatives were kidnapped, machine gunned, and their bodies exploded.

LLORE NS family, has a son in prison, their home was searched and ransacked by police and military personnel 20 times and finally it was completely destroyed by a bomb.

MARTINEZ DE AGUERO, Mareli, mother of a detainee in the Mendoza Penitentiary, her home is searched several times until in one of these operations another son is taken away by security forces never to be heard of again.

VACA MARVAJA, Hugo, father of a lawyer detained in the Cordoba Penitentiary is kidnapped in March and disappears. The son in prison is later executed. Under the pressure of continuing threats the whole family is forced to exile in Mexico. LESGART family, relatives of another victim of the Trelew executions of 1972. Their home is occupied and a younger son is taken away. The father and sister go to the Police Station where they recognize having arrested Rogelic and proceed to arrest them too. The father is subsequently released the son



and daughter are nver heard of again.

SANTUCHO family, three generations of relatives of Mario Roberto Santucho (killed July 1976) have been persecuted, kidnapped, arrested and forced into exile or killed. Only recently the children of Mario Roberto were allowed to leave Argentina after their grandparents petitioned Pope Paul to that effect.

It is important to emphasize that family ties cannot be construed to imply ideological or political coincidences with the family member whose activities or beliefs are used to justify these most brutal acts of indiscriminate terrorism.

6. The situation of political refugees in Argentina

The State Department report all but ignores this aspect of the Human Rights situation in Argentina. The report makes only a passing reference to the refugees implying or suggesting that they were members of defeated guerrilla organizations in their countries of origin. A more adequate description is given by the Inter Church Committee report: "Caught in the escalating violence are the 20,000 Latin American refugees and political exiles in Argentina. These threatened people are those who have had to flee from repressive political and economic policies in Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay. Among them are many union and peasant leaders former students and community workers. They represent an important part of the opposition forces against the military dictatorships in Latin America. Some of the refugees and exiles have resided in Argentina for many years. Many more have arrived

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