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New York, N.Y. 10014
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TO ALL BRANCH ORGANIZERS

Dear Comrades,

As comrades know from the Militant, Secretary of State Kissinger has denied a visa for Hugo Blanco to enter the United States. In response USLA is organizing a protest campaign demanding that Blanco be permitted to enter the country. Much of the work that was done in building the Blanco tour is being used to help organize this protest effort.

The enclosed letter from USLA, list of endorsers, and proposed tour schedule for Mike Kelly indicate the scope of support that has already been won and the specific focus for the campaign.

Support for this campaign is a very important activity of party branches. Special attention should be given to supporting USLA's fund-raising projects, especially honoraria for speakers, etc.

The Militant is also focusing on this campaign.

Comradely,

Doug Jenness
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SWP National Office

OCTOBER 3, 1975

KISSINGER BANS BLANCO

Dear USIA coordinator,

On Sept. 24th Sec. of State Henry Kissinger decided to ban Hugo Blanco from the U.S. by refusing him a visa for this USIA speaking tour. Blanco was declared "ineligible" for a visa under Section 212-A 28 of the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act (amended in 1965), better known as the McCarran-Walter Act, a piece of McCarthy era witch hunt legislation.

According to State Dept. spokeswoman Diane Villard this law denies the right to travel into the U.S. to people who "write, or publish, or advocate, or teach" the overthrow of the United States or any other "organized government"; "communist doctrines"; assaulting or killing cops; "damage, or entry, or destruction of property", or "sabotage". Villard refused to say which category Blanco was supposed to fall under, claiming it was "classified information".

Kissinger's decision came in the midst of mounting protest over the State Dept's months long footdragging on the visa. As the attached list shows, support for Blanco's right to travel to the U.S. and speak has come from a broad range of individuals and groups.

Kissinger's decision doesn't mark the end of the fight for Blanco's right to speak in the U.S., but the beginning of a much larger defense and protest campaign. USIA is launching a four pronged defense campaign to force a reversal of this decision:

1. To step up the flow of protest letters and mailgrams. Send them to: Sec. of State Henry Kissinger, Dept. of State, Wash., D.C. 20515. Attached list indicates the broad range of prominent type individuals and organizations that can be approached.

2. Media work. We must bring this case and the issues involved to the attention of the public if we are to generate sufficient pressure to win. A new press release will be issued shortly. Several areas have already held news conferences to protest the ban with locally prominent individuals. The Helsinki accords violation will probably prove to be the most interesting aspect of the case to the media.

3. Turn the Blanco tour schedule into a protest tour. A national USIA staff person who has been coordinating the protest campaign, Mike Kelly, will tour (see the attached proposed tour schedules and suggested quotas to meet travel expenses). Prominent civil libertarians, Latin Americanists, student leaders, and other prominent individuals should be invited to bring greetings to the meetings to show the breadth of support for the defense of Blanco's right to travel (and their right to hear him).

ENDORSERS OF HUGO BLANCO'S RIGHT TO TRAVEL IN THE U.S.
(Partial List)

ACADEMIC

Berman, Hyman. Prof., Hist. U of Minn.
Beverley, John. Assoc. Prof., Spanish &
L.A. Studies, U of Pittsburgh
Chambers, Clark. Prof., U of Minn.
Davies, Thomas M., Jr. Prof., Hist., &
Chairman, L.A. Lecture Series, San
Diego State Univ.
Denevan, William M., Dir., Ibero-American
Studies, U of Wisconsin, Madison.
Fagen, Richard. Prof., Pol. Sci., Stanford
Falk, Richard. Chairman, Center Int'l
Studies, Princeton
Felix, David. Prof., Economics. Washing-
ton U, St. Louis.
Giese, Clayton, Prof. Physics, U of Minn
Luce, David R. Assoc. Prof. Phil., U of
Wisconsin, Milwaukee.
Maciello, Fran. Prof. Hamlin U, Minn.
Magrath, C. Peter. Pres., U of Minn.
McCaa, Bob. Prof. Hist., U of Minn.
Papayanis, Nicholas. Prof. Hist.,
Brooklyn College.
Predmore, Michael P. Prof. L.A. Studies
Committee, U of Washington.
Rooney, Charles, Ph.D. Asst. Prof. Mon-
teith College, Wayne State U, Detroit
Rosenberg, Emily. Prof. Macalester Coll.
Schwartz, Stuart. Prof. Hist., U of Minn
Sibley, Mulford F., Prof. Pol. Sci., U
of Minn.
Thiesenhusen, William C. Dir., Land
Tenure Ctr., U of Wisconsin, Madison
Tates, Hafner, Dean. Monteith College,
Wayne State U., Detroit
Wynia, Gary. Prof. Pol. Sci., U of Minn
Zaharis, D. Chairman, Spanish Portuguese
Dept., U of Minn.

BLACK

Allen, Robert. Black Scholar
Nimtzt, August, Dr. Prof. U of Minn.

CHICANO

Anda, Raul de., Dir., Mexican American
Education Council, Houston.
Castillo, Leonel. City Comptroller, Houston
Garcia, Hector. Comm. Relat. Dir. for
Archdiocese, Houston/Galveston
Guerrero, M.P. Chairman, Chicano Studies
U of Minn.
Gutierrez, Jose Angel. Zuvalda County
Judge, Texas
Losada, Froben. Chairman, Chicano Stud-
ies Dept., Merritt Coll., Oakland, Ca

Muniz, Ramsey. 1973 Cand. for Gov., Raza
Unida Party, Texas
Reyes, Ben. State Rep., Dist. 87, Texas
Quintanilla, Lupe. Dir., Mexican-American
Studies, U of Houston.
Youngblood, Guadalupe. Chairman, Raza
Unida Party., Texas.

CHILE COMMITTEES

Long, Karen. Comm. for Solidarity with
Chile., Minn.
Santa Clara County Emerg. Comm. to Defend
Democracy in Chile, San Jose, Ca.
Vidal, Hernan. Prof. Faculty Comm. for
Academic Freedom in Chile, U of Minn.

CIVIL LIBERTIES GROUPS

ACLU, Southern California.
Devito, Michael D., Chairperson,
Berkeley Albany A.C.L.U.
Rohloff, Mark. Amnesty Int'l. San Francis.

CONGRESS Representatives

Abzug, Bella S. New York
Dellums, Ron V. Berkeley, Cal.
Harrington, Michael J. Salem, Mass.
Mitchell, Parren J. Baltimore, Md.

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Castillo, Leonel. City Comptroller, Houst.
Felien, Ed., Minn. City Council.
Gutierrez, Jose Angel. Zuvalda County
Judge, Texas
Perpich, Rudy., Lt. Gov., State of Minn.
Kahn, Phyllis. State Rep., 57a Dist, Minn
Priestley, Wally. State Rep., Oregon
Rayson, Leland H., State Rep, Illinois
Reyes, Ben. State Rep., Dist. 87, Texas
Simpson, Dick. 44th Ward Ald., Chicago.
Spear, Allen, State Senator, Minn.
Sutton, Percy E. Pres., Borough of Manha-
ttan, New York
Willits, Howard. State Rep., Oregon
Pentony, Joseph. Dr. State Rep., Texas
Gibbs, W.W. State Rep. Texas

NATIVE AMERICAN GROUPS

Giese, Paula. Nat'l Off., AIM
Bellancourt, Vernon. AIM

LEGAL PROFESSION

Lynn, Conrad J. Attorney., New York.
Porter, Charles O., Atty., Lawyer-Obs-
erver, Chile Fair Trials Comm. del. to
Chile 1974.
Yeyer, Thomas. Atty, Richmond, Ca

PROPOSED TOUR SCHEDULE FOR MIKE KELLY AND PROPOSED TOUR QUOTAS

Oct. 13th and 14th.	Denver Chapter.	\$100.00
Oct. 15th and 16th.	Seattle Chapter	100.00
Oct. 17th and 18th.	Portland Chapter.	75.00
Oct. 20th -- 24th	Bay Area Chapter	250.00
Oct. 25th.	tentative: PCCLAS Confer.	Fresno
Oct. 27th	San Diego Chapter	100.00
Oct. 28th and 29th.	Los Angeles Chap.	200.00
Oct. 30th and 31st.	Texas Chapter	150.00
Nov. 1st	New Orleans Chap.	50.00
Nov. 3rd.	Atlanta Chapter	75.00
Nov. 4th and 5th.	Wash., DC Chapter	100.00
Nov. 6th	Philadelphia Chap.	75.00
Nov. 7th and 8th.	Boston Chapter	150.00
Nov. 19th	Pittsburg Chapter	75.00
Nov. 11th and 12th	Cleveland Chapter	100.00
Nov. 13th and 14th	Detroit Chapter.	100.00