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Support for the Peruvian President

The following are excerpts from some of the international news media covering support for Peru's President Alan García.

On Aug. 3, Peru's most important television channels, Panamericana Channel 5 and America Channel 4, featured the Schiller Institute Trade Union Commission's support of Peru on their evening news broadcasts. Channel 5:

Forty million workers will mobilize behind the call of the Schiller Trade Union Commission throughout the continent in support of the measures announced by President Alan García. Similarly, the institution has mobilized an important sector of the Democratic Party of the United States. . . . Also, five European congressmen from the Social Democratic Party have sent their greetings of support to the President.

The Peruvian newspaper El Peruano reported on Aug. 5:

President Alan García received total support "for his struggle against the IMF" from the candidates of the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC) of the United States, who committed themselves to organize the U.S. population to also give its support. . . .

Similarly, from the German Federal Republic, five congressmen of the German Social Democratic Party sent telegrams of support to the new president.

In addition, the factory council of Norddeutsche Affinerie Corpo sent its greetings and support.

El Peruano also ran a dispatch datelined Bogota, Colombia:

Public and private institutions and individuals of the industrialized world and of Colombian politics yesterday expressed their unconditional support for the measures adopted by Peruvian President Alan García Perez in his patriotic effort to defend the national sovereignty of his country. Also for his nationalist position in the face of pressures from the In-

ternational Monetary Fund and his decision to end the drug trafficking on the continent.

In various statements issued from this city, support is also expressed for the Peruvian president's proposal to hold a summit meeting of Latin American heads of state, which would take place in Panama. Enrique Córdova, president of the Colombian Association of International and Diplomatic Policy Studies (ACEPID) declared here yesterday that he "congratulates and supports the international policy of Dr. García." William Herrera, representative of an important group of nationalist industrialists, said that "united we will win for the glory of Latin America."

In addition, Fausto Charris, president of the National Anti-Drug Coalition, joined with other individuals in declaring his "support for Alan García's position on the foreign debt, his call for a meeting on Ibero-American integration, and the fight against drugs."

The newspaper of Alan García's APRA party, Hoy, reported:

The Peruvian government which Dr. Alan García Perez leads continued to receive the broadest possible support from various world organizations for his decision not to commit more than 10% of Peru's income to payment of the foreign debt, as well as for his call for a summit of Latin American leaders to jointly address the problem of that debt. The Schiller Institute, in its international mobilization to support President Alan García, received telegrams from 42 labor leaders representing the majority of democratic trade unionism in Latin America, in which they assert that if the countries of the Third World are to continue to believe in democracy, in independence and sovereignty, they cannot be abandoned to their fate by the developed nations of the West. . . .

Mossa Magassa, secretary general of the Federation of Immigrant Workers of France, calls on Dr. Alan García to continue his fight against the IMF and to achieve a new world economic order. The mayor and citizens of Alsace express the same sentiments, as does a telegram sent from Paris and signed by Eugenio Diebold, *bürgermeister* of Morschwiller.

The Zairean students of France, Belgium, Switzerland and Italy, representing the students' union, declare that they support "with all their heart your fight against the IMF." "We support your brave fight against the IMF, our common enemy," says the Muslim Youth Federation of Mauritius, which represents 80,000 students.

From Hessen, Germany, the deputy mayor of the Christian Democratic Union, union representatives of farm workers, parties like the Social Democrats, say in their communique: "We fully support you for 1) convoking a summit meeting in Panama and 2) not paying more than 10% of your export income to service the debt. Neither Kissinger nor Castro."

The Italian National Confederation of Free Workers (CONFILL) also joined the world campaign of support for the Peruvian president and indicated in its telex: "The general secretary of the Italian National Confederation of Free Work-

ers, together with the Confederation Secretariat represented by its national secretaries, enthusiastically expresses its full support for your fight to develop your country and against the usurious policies of the IMF. We are with you."

The National Democratic Policy Committee chapter of Atlanta, Georgia, says in its telegram, signed by candidates for senator, Atlanta representative, and school board: "We will bring your fight against the IMF to the streets of Atlanta (despite Andy Young's support for the IMF) and throughout Georgia. We will also bring this fight to the national convention of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference next week."

The executive committee of the Union of Bogota and Cundinamarca Workers of Colombia says in its message: "Colombian working people express our solidarity with your firm decision to defend the interests of our Peruvian brothers. Only unity among Latin American people will solve the foreign debt problem."

The Mexican newspaper El Día reported Aug. 6 in a dispatch from Washington, D.C., headlined "Demonstration in Front of Peruvian Embassy in U.S., in Solidarity with Alan García":

Hundreds of demonstrators came together here today, in front of the Peruvian embassy, to show solidarity with the president of that country, Alan García, in his position regarding payment of foreign debt, and to demand the end of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Carrying signs which read "García yes, IMF no," and placards with the names of the Latin American countries, the demonstrators expressed their support for the recent announcements of the Peruvian president, who conditioned payment of the foreign debt to 10 percent of the export income of the country, starting next year.

During the demonstration, organized by the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC) and the Schiller Institute, a planning group for alternative development programs, a partial list of more than 350 telegrams of support, sent by U.S. citizens to President García, was presented. Among the signers were trade unionists, public officials, ethnic leaders, clergymen, representatives of civil-rights organizations, and representatives of war veterans' organizations.

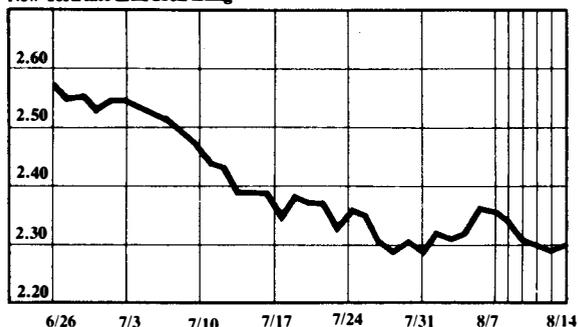
One of the members of the directing group called on all Americans to support Alan García, who "has had the courage to defend the sovereignty of his people against the interests of the IMF."

Dolia Estévez, speaking in the name of the Schiller Institute, declared: "Finishing off the IMF is our call to arms, and we support the non-payment of the Latin American foreign debt for at least the next 8 years. We believe, besides, that the debt of the Latin American countries, thought to be \$360 billion, is not that; it has been increased by the usurious interest rates of the IMF. The real figure does not go beyond \$65 billion."

Currency Rates

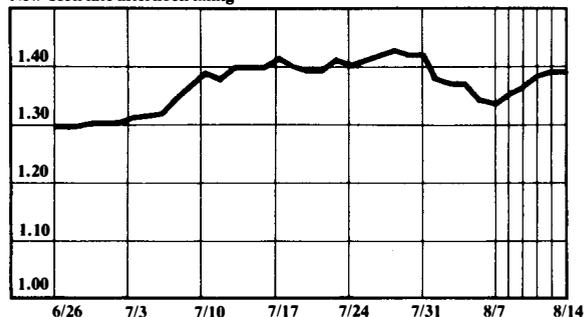
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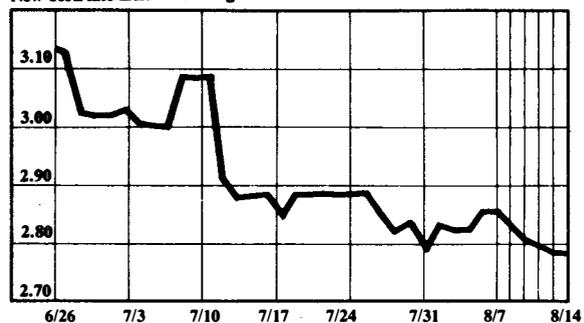
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