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Hearings on amnesty will be held Thursday and Friday, 7-8 March in Washington, D.C. (They may be continued to include the following Monday, 11 March.) Sponsored by the Subcommittee on the Courts, Administration of Justice and Civil Liberties of the House Committee on the Judiciary, the hearings will be held in the Rayburn House Office Building (RHOB), room 2141. The RHOB is located at South Capitol Street and Independence Avenue, S.W. The hearings will not focus upon any specific bill, rather on the issue of amnesty generally. Friends of NCUUA and the general public are encouraged strongly to attend. If you wish to speak or to submit a written statement for inclusion in the hearing records, you immediately should write the subcommittee chairperson, Rep. Robert Kastenmeier, 2232 Rayburn HOB, Washington, D.C. 20515. NCUUA requests copies of your letters and of replies.

In order to amplify the hearings and to make them and the issue of amnesty more visible to the American public, NCUUA in conjunction with other organizations is conducting events during the time of the hearings. Central of these events will be the NCUUA Amnesty Information Center, held in room 2257 RHOB (second floor). The Center will feature individuals who are potential recipients of an amnesty as well as other knowledgeable speakers. Congresspeople and their aides also will be present from time to time. Movies, slides and audio tapes on amnesty will be presented continuously throughout the days of the hearing at the Center. The Center will serve as a place for us to meet each other, with refreshments available. Groups wishing to offer literature should send three hundred copies to: Amnesty Center Literature, Attn: Herman Will, 110 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002.

Other events also will be open to the public, including a press conference presently planned to be held Wednesday, 6 March, 12:30 p.m. NCUUA will announce several campaigns for the coming months at that time. Among these are a petition drive culminating in the presentation of at least 100,000 signatures to Congress on 8 April; NCUUA sponsorship of the Broadway play, CANDIDE (which has received excellent preperformance reviews) on 8 May; and the focusing of a major national campaign by NCUUA upon individuals chosen as representative of the many categories of potential amnesty recipients. Press conference speakers and address are in final stages of arrangements. For last minute information, contact NCUUA by 4 March.

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