

# WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Write to the Chilean Minister of the Interior, asking that Pedro Fernandez's sentence be changed to one of exile so that he can come to Britain:-

*Sr Sergio Onofre Jarpa,  
Ministro del Interior,  
Ministerio del Interior,  
Palacio de la Monedo,  
Santiago, Chile.*

- Send copies of this letter to the Minister of Justice in Chile and the Chilean Ambassador in London:-

*Sr Hugo Rosende,  
Ministro de Justicia,  
Ministerio de Justicia,  
Agustinas 1401-1419,  
Santiago, Chile*

*Sr Francisco Orrego Vicuna,  
Chilean Ambassador,  
Chilean Embassy,  
12, Devonshire Street,  
LONDON W1  
(Tel: 01-580 6392)*

- Please write/get your MP or organisation to write to Baroness Young, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, LONDON SW1 asking the British government, in view of its willingness to offer Pedro Fernandez Lembach a visa, to make diplomatic representations to the Chilean authorities in order to secure Pedro's release into exile.
- Send copies of this letter to the British Ambassador in Chile, British Embassy, La Concepcion 177, Santiago, Chile.
- Contact your MP, inform your trade union branch, church group and other organisations which could take up Pedro's case with the Chilean authorities.
- Get local prominent figures involved and publicise your activities with the press.
- Circulate copies of this leaflet, they are available at no cost from the Chile Committee for Human Rights.
- Organise a local meeting about this case, and the situation in Chile, the Chile Committee for Human Rights can provide speakers, videos, exhibitions, etc.
- If you would like more information on Pedro's case, the adoption of political prisoners and the work of the Chile Committee for Human Rights contact CCHR, 266 Pentonville Road, London N1 9JY. (Tel: 01-837 7561).

## CHILE COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

**PEDRO  
FERNANDEZ**  
Let him come  
to Britain

Dear Friends,

My name is Constanza Villaseca, and I am now living in London, having been granted political asylum in Britain. I am appealing on behalf of my "companero", Pedro Fernandez Lembach, who has been imprisoned in Chile for more than four years: he is now 33 years old. I was with him, when he was arrested in May 1980 by the CNI (the Chilean Secret Police). I saw him badly tortured, he was subjected to mock executions and witnessed the CNI's death threats against relatives and against myself. Electric currents were applied to all parts of his body, his head was immersed in water, he was strung up by his hands and his feet, and was beaten with blunt objects. As a result of this torture, Pedro now suffers a gastric ulcer, a nervous allergy and has problems with his upper jaw. Meanwhile I was forced out of the country.

Like so many political prisoners, Pedro had to wait over three years for his case even to go to trial, and then he was sentenced by the military courts for the same 'crime' in several different trials. He was sentenced to ten years imprisonment and four years exile for so-called illegal possession of arms, and manufacture of explosives, charges that are frequently framed by the CNI.

In December 1983, Pedro was granted a visa to come to Britain but so far the Chilean authorities have refused to commute his sentence to one of exile for him and I to be reunited. Indeed, the Chilean authorities have continued to isolate Pedro by sending him to San Felipe prison (in a small mountain town) so that he could not continue his work as President of the National Coordinating body of Political Prisoners of Chile, and where friends and relatives have great difficulty visiting him.

A similar campaign mounted in 1980 resulted in the release into exile of Julio Vial the last Chilean political prisoner with a British visa. I urge you to help me and the Chile Committee for Human Rights in our work to get Pedro's release from Chile.

Many thanks for your support.

*Constanza Villaseca*



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