

Uruguay

Uruguay's image of calm, prosperous, "Switzerland of Latin America" has withered away during the political unrest, mainly due to economic discontent, of recent years. The urban guerrilla organisation of the "Tupamaros" is active; students are protesting; during the state of siege some 2,000 people were arrested but for short periods only. The judicial machinery is reported to function well in spite of political disturbances. As there were allegations of torture a commission of inquiry has been established and is answerable to the Congress.

The Amnesty delegate reported that there was some interest for establishing an Amnesty section in Uruguay but there has so far been no sequel to the discussions.