



ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

PRESS RELEASE

PAN AMERICAN UNION • WASHINGTON 6, D. C. • National 8-6630

FOR RELEASE

November 9, 1961.

E-362/61

OAS HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP HEARS STATEMENTS
BY DOMINICAN POLITICAL OPPOSITIONISTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. (PAU) - A Sub-committee of the OAS Commission on Human Rights today received written statements and heard leaders of two political opposition groups in the Dominican Republic, regarding allegations of new violations of human rights in that country.

The OAS Human Rights Commission visited the Dominican Republic during the last part of October and toured several cities of that country. The meeting here was requested by the leaders of the two groups.

The Dominicans heard by the Subcommittee were Dr. Viriato Fiallo, President of the National Civic Union, Dr. Luis Manuel Baquero, Secretary, and Dr. José A. Fernandez Caminero, Vice President of the same organization.

The 14th of June Movement was represented by Dr. Manuel Tavarez Justo, President, Mr. Leandro Guzmán, Secretary, and Mr. Darío Vinicio Echavarría, Delegate.

The Subcommittee was headed by the Commission's Acting Chairman, Ambassador Manuel Bianchi. Other members were Ambassador Gonzalo Escudero, and Mr. Durward V. Sandifer.

After the meeting, Chairman Bianchi announced that he was returning today to Santiago, Chile.

* * *