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According to a Jan. 28 statement by political opposition leader, Domingo Laino, five US congresspersons sent a letter to President Alfredo Stroessner urging his government to end its alleged human rights abuses. Laino, who heads the proscribed Authentic Radical Liberal Party (PLRA), described the letter as encouraging. Among the signatories were Gus Yatron, chairperson of the House human rights and international organizations subcommittee, and George Crockett, chairperson of the House western hemisphere affairs subcommittee. The congresspersons expressed concern over the Dec. 10 arrest and beating of several opposition activists during a demonstration called the March for Life. In the letter to Stroessner, the Paraguayan government's denial of basic civil and political liberties was described as an "aberrant practice." (Basic data from AFP, 01/28/89)

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