Latin terror

To the Editor:

The prevalence of torture in Uruguay is disquieting to all who cherish human rights. More distressing is that Uruguay is not alone in Latin America in its disrespect for human life and liberty. The Argentine military has been waging terroristic war against its own people for the three years it has ruled.

It is estimated by Amnesty International that between 5,000 and 15,000 persons have been caused to "disappear" from the course of their normal lives and forced to suffer fates unknown. Between three and 10 persons disappear each day, and at least one of these is an infant or child. There are no charges, no trials, no verdicts. There is only the silence and emptiness left by a person who has suddenly and inexplicably vanished.

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