

Fieger found to be or reported to be suffering from wounds or illness of any kind nor did he report or allege any such thing to anyone in the Embassy. On July 9 he gave a sworn declaration to a Canadian consular officer who had requested that he give a detailed account of the conditions in which he had been held since his arrest. This statement made no mention of torture or illness. Until the last few days, there had been no mention of torture, wounds, illness or poor living conditions in the communications Mr. Al Fieger had with officials of the Department either in Ottawa or in Mexico.

All Canadians held at Lecumberri are in a block where inmates held for drug offences are grouped. In that block which is the most modern of the establishment, Leslie Fieger has been the sole occupant for seven and a half months of a cell normally used for four prisoners. He has a private toilet and shower and he is using his personal tape recorder and over 30 cassettes of his favorite music. He has his own food prepared specially for him.

Under Mexican law, a person can be held in preventive detention up to one year before being tried and sentenced. There is no provision for bail during that period. After sentencing, prisoners may work off part of their time. One day of work earns a corresponding reduction of one day in the sentence. Les Fieger could get a fine and a prison term of 6½ years to 13 years. The case is now being considered by the Mexican judge and a verdict is expected in a week to ten days.

A second affair involving a young Canadian has also received much publicity in the last few days. It concerns Gordon Arnold whose case is substantially different from that of Leslie Fieger.