

Letter to the Editor: Re: Tools for Peace.  
January 14, 1987.

The Kamloops Tools for Peace Committee would like to thank all those who contributed to this year's campaign. Nearly \$3,000 worth of material and financial donations were transported to Vancouver on Jan. 10, where they will be loaded on the ship bound for Nicaragua. Cheques are still arriving and are being forwarded to Toronto, to be utilized to purchase priority items in bulk. To make a tax-deductable financial contribution, send your cheque, made out to "Inter pares (Tools for Peace)",

to P.O. Box 973,  
Kamloops, B.C. V2C 6H1.

The success of this year's campaign is due in part to a growing awareness of Nicaragua's plight. Their democratically-elected government has a strong record of improvement in health care, education and land reform, but the country is being undermined by consistent interference in the form of Contra attacks and the U.S.-imposed trade embargo. The Contras attack, destroying crops, schools, hospitals and villages, while the economic embargo strangles the Nicaraguan economy, cutting them off from traditional markets and basic consumer goods, such as educational, medical, and agricultural supplies.

Tools for Peace chose the slogan "Nicaragua Must Survive" for this year's campaign. The ship load of goods will go a long way to assist in that goal, but there is more that Canada can do to aid in Nicaragua's survival. We Canadians, and our government, must officially recognise and support the right of the Nicaraguan people to determine for themselves, without outside interference or sabotage. We must strongly urge the Canadian government to approve new bilateral aid projects, to actively promote Canadian trade with Nicaragua, to strengthen Canada's support for the Contadora peace process, and to establish a Canadian embassy in Nicaragua.

The Nicaraguan people would like to thank all of the Canadians who care and support them. Our only response can be: "De Nada"- "It is nothing", for there is so much more to do before the Nicaraguans can rebuild their country and live in peace.

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