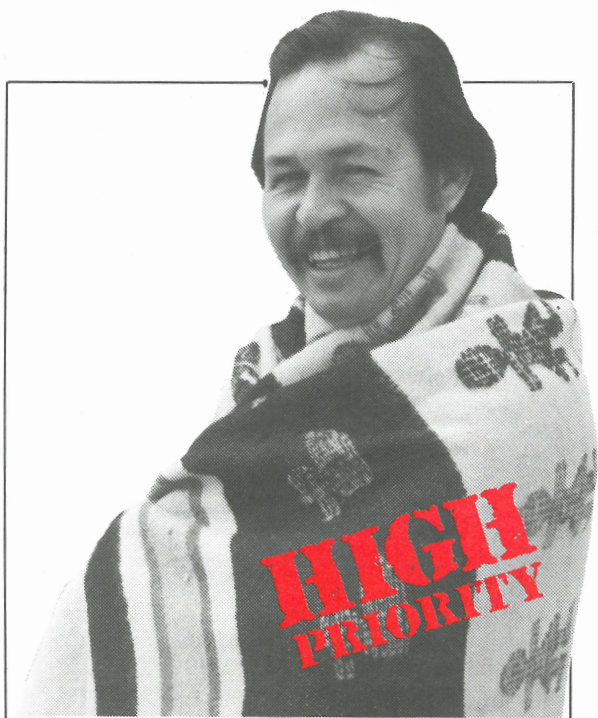


# Blankets for Peace



**T**he war in Nicaragua has forced the displacement of 240,000 people from their homes. Most of them are poor farming families who have found themselves in the frontline of attacks by U.S.-backed 'contras'. The main battle grounds are on the country's northern and southern borders.

Canada's national *Tools for Peace* campaign has helped, and wants to help more. Last year, Canadians sent nearly 10,000 blankets to displaced Nicaraguan families. This year, the need is every bit as urgent.

# *. . . Nicaragua creating new communities . . .*

"Low-Intensity Warfare", the Reagan administration's latest tactic, is low-intensity for North Americans, not Nicaraguans. The U.S.-backed 'contra' war has displaced more than 240,000 people, 60% of them children. Many families have lost all they own; they are dependent on the Nicaraguan government for housing, clothing and food.

The damage is staggering. 'Contra' raids have killed nearly 15,000 Nicaraguans. Attacks against farms, factories, schools and other targets have caused more than **\$1.3 billion** in damages, by a conservative estimate.

The Nicaraguan economy has been badly strained by the war and the U.S.-imposed trade embargo. Alone, Nicaragua cannot meet the needs of its displaced people. The government continues to create new communities in areas safe from 'contra' attack, but resources are limited. Nicaragua needs our help.

Last year **Tools for Peace** collected nearly **10,000 blankets** for displaced Nicaraguans, most of whom live in the northern mountain region where evenings are cold. This year the project is being continued as a response to Nicaragua's priority needs. We ask you to donate a good, clean blanket (preferably new). Money can also be earmarked for a fund which will enable a bulk purchase of blankets to be made at the end of this year's drive. Urge your neighbours and friends to give as well; post this notice in your workplace. With your help, **Blankets for Peace** will continue to be a powerful symbol of Canadians' support for peace in Central America.



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