

The collection of pencils to send to Nicaragua in honour of International Human Rights Day (December 10th) is almost complete. Over ^{early 1987} 800 pencils ^{have been} received, as well as donations towards the purchase of at least 500 more. Several drop boxes are still at locations around town, so the final tally is not yet in. *Donations of other material goods are also flowing in.*

Despite the fact that the goal of one pencil per person has not been reached, organizers are pleased with the reaction and enthusiasm the project received, and extend their thanks to everyone who went out of their way to contribute. ~~The combined efforts of people across Canada~~ will definitely show the people of Nicaragua that Canadians care and support them in their efforts to defend their right to determine for themselves.

The Tools for Peace campaign, however, is far from over. People wishing to contribute pencils, notebooks, blankets, rubber boots, hand tools, sanitary napkins or medical supplies can still do so until Jan. 9, 1987. Drop boxes are located at Cooper's in Valleyview and Westsyde, Mommy and Me, Mt. Paul United Church, and 120 W. St Paul St.. Financial contributions are tax deductible, and should be made out to Inter pares (Tools for Peace). These can be sent to: P.O. Box 973, Kamloops, B.C. V2C 6H1. All funds collected will be used to purchase priority items in bulk.

*hard saws,
hammers and
sanitary napkins*

Contributions from Kamloops, combined with those from communities across Canada, will go a long way towards helping the Nicaraguan people to survive. The show of concern Canadians feel for the right of Nicaragua to determine for themselves