

Since 1979. the people of Nicaragua have worked enthusiastically to build a new life. Here. new homes are under construction for the thousands displaced by the war



BUILDING **PEACE IN** NICARAGUA

HOPES FOR PEACE and a better life blossomed in Nicaragua in July of 1979. A popular uprising swept away the decades-old tyranny of the Somoza dictatorship.

The new Sandinista government made remarkable progress — health care and education became available for all, and tens of thousands of peasants received land to farm. "Nicaragua Libre" — free Nicaragua — promised a brighter

As the war drains scarce

expansion of schools and

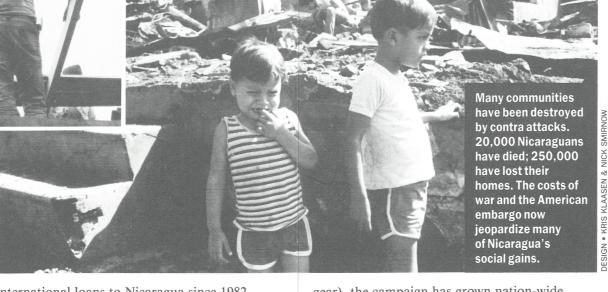
health clinics has slowed

resources, the

future for a population that had been impoverished and oppressed for so long.

THOSE HOPES were threatened in 1981 as the US-backed contra army began its dirty war, attacking schools, health clinics and farm co-operatives. The human cost has been tragic: 40,000 killed, wounded or kidnapped.

ECONOMICALLY, the and Nicaragua faces food shortages. U.S. has blocked



international loans to Nicaragua since 1982 and imposed a trade embargo in 1985. The contras have attacked bridges, food storehouses, topped \$2 million in value. and other economic targets.

THIS WAR OF ATTRITION has cost Nicaragua a

staggering \$3.5 billion in economic losses over

the past five years -

annual value of its

exports. The limited

country of 3 million

people must now be

— increasing food

production, housing

displaced people, and

organizing defense.

directed to basic survival

resources of this small

eight to ten times the

IN NICARAGUA, Tools for Peace goods are distributed to unions and popular organizations

> by the Augusto Caesar coast.

The Tools

for Peace

Campaign

MATERIAL AID Each year,

donate funds or needed items

Peace the largest non-governmental aid effort of

goods collected vary as Nicaragua's urgent needs

visuals and first-hand testimony from Canadians

and Nicaraguans, Tools for Peace informs

Canadians about what's really going on in

emergency food aid available immediately.

government representatives to Canada.

► actively and openly promote the Contadora

peace process and a negotiated end to the war.

increase contact with Nicaragua, by opening

an embassy in Managua, and inviting Nicaraguan

SOLIDARITY is as important to the people of

Nicaragua as our material aid. Our campaign

lets them know they are not alone in their

its kind received by Nicaragua. The specific

change, but medical supplies, tools and

educational supplies have been priorities.

shipment of priority goods.

This has made Tools for

thousands of Canadians

for a people-to-people

Nicaragua.

POLITICAL ACTION

Through Tools for Peace,

▶ increase official aid to

Nicaragua, and make

difficult struggle.

thousands of Canadians have

called on our government to:

TOOLS FOR PEACE also

educational supplies to hospitals and schools.

66 Last year was very difficult. Our co-operative had only two screwdrivers. a hammer and whatever our ingenuity could put together. Then we received materials from Tools for Peace. 77

CO-OP MEMBER NEAR ESTELI

SINCE THE FIRST Tools for Peace shipment to Nicaragua in 1981 (\$25,000 worth of fishing

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gear), the campaign has grown nation-wide, involving thousands of volunteers in over 100 communities coast-to-coast. The 1986 collection

Sandino Foundation (FACS) a nongovernmental agency. A new FACS office in the Caribbean port town of Bluefields will help get aid to the people of Nicaragua's Atlantic

works with Nicaraguan

government ministries to deliver health and

PRIORITY: NICARAGUA

Yes, I'll support **Tools for Peace:**

> ☐ I'd like to volunteer. □ Send me more information.

> ☐ I have goods to donate. □ I'll organize a Tools for Peace Campaign.

name	
Address	

Code _____ Phone

\$15	\$25	\$50
\$100	\$200	\$500

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TOOLS

FOR

PEACE

EDUCATION It's no small

task to counter the deliberate

administration obsessed with

destroying Nicaragua. Using

factual information, audio-

distortions of a U.S.

☐ I don't need

a tax receipt. Unreceipted funds support organizing and education through local and provincial campaigns. Make cheques payable to: Tools for Peace/Coalition for Aid to Nicaragua.

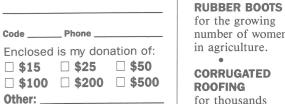
□ Send me a tax receipt. Receipted donations fund the national education and material

aid campaign, including purchase of goods and shipping. Make cheques payable to: Inter Pares* (Tools for Peace).

*INTER PARES is a Canadian nongovernmental agency that supports community-based development projects in Nicaragua and around the world. INTER PARES collaborates with TOOLS FOR PEACE on our material aid and education work. CHARITABLE REGISTRATION #0447771-09-10.

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Your local T4P committee.525-M GCCU



displaced by the contra war who are building new communities.

► This year,

Tools for Peace

these critically-

needed items:

NOTEBOOKS

Nicaragua's world-

to continue

renowned

literacy.

progress in

will focus on

SAFETY GEAR

(like gloves, ear muffs, goggles, and visors) to improve working conditions in fields, mines and

factories.

FISHING GEAR

for an important industry that feeds people and provides export earnings.

OTHER ITEMS are also being collected. Contact

