

Marcha por la paz
en Centro-America
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Peacemarch
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The Peace March in Central America will start in Panama City, Panama on December 10, 1985. It will pass through Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, and end in Mexico City on January 22, 1986. From there, a delegation will travel to Washington D. C. to present the march's demands and conclusions.

BACKGROUND

In the past ten years, over 150,000 people have died violent deaths in Central America. An even larger number have died of poverty-related diseases. Hundreds of thousands have been driven from their homes and forced to live as refugees, either in their own countries, or under deplorable conditions in refugee camps in neighboring countries. Central Americans have lived for generations under repressive regimes. Those governments that have attempted to carry out social and economic reforms have had to cope with destabilization and the blatant use of force by military and conservative elites. This opposition has often been supported by the United States, either through direct intervention or through clandestine or economic destabilization.

We believe that the political, military and economic situation for Central Americans is fast approaching a critical point. Conditions could worsen significantly in the near future. The reasons for this crisis have a wider source of origin than the Central American region. The Reagan Administration's interventionist policies and pressure on Central America, which have included economic, political and military interference and destabilization, have accentuated and expanded the problems of the region. To understand the situation, one must also take into account the contributions of individual western banks, multinational corporations and other financial institutions.

It is based on this interpretation of the crisis in Central America today that we plan the Peace March.

The Peace March's three main slogans are:

HUMAN RIGHTS - SELF-DETERMINATION - SOLIDARITY

HUMAN RIGHTS

A just peace can never be attained without the fulfillment of, and respect for, human rights. The Peace March supports the United Nation's Statement on Human Rights of 1948, together with the conventions on social, cultural and economic rights, and the convention on civil and political rights. We believe that lasting peace in any country can be attained only when these