

responsible for the 74 Indian people assassinated in Las Hojas agricultural cooperative on February 22, 1983.

ANIS maintains that "there is no justice for Indian people in El Salvador while these unpardonable crimes go unpunished." ANIS continues protesting such brutality, nationally and internationally, even after a State of Emergency law (prohibiting protest) went into effect recently.

Regarding the frequent accusations levelled at ANIS members as a pretext for their arrest, detainment and murder, an ANIS board member responded, "Accusing us of belonging to the guerilla or being subversive is part of a psychology that is used to arrest people. The struggle of ANIS is to know our rights and defend them. With the help of Human Rights organizations, international journalists, supporters, ambassadors and friends within the military we are able to get people freed."

"Both the Reagan and the Salvadorean government want to 'finish off' ANIS and sister organizations like us because, organized, the Indian is able to defend himself and others against a lot of injustice and suffering."

People who wish to support ANIS may contact SAIIC about future actions which will be taken.

DOCUMENTARY

Currently, a 1/2-hour bi-lingual video documentary about the life of the Lenca, Maya and Nahuat people of El Salvador is in progress. It aims to disseminate more adequate information about the existence of the Indian people of El Salvador and help people reach a more complete understanding of regional conditions in order to eliminate the constant menace to these seriously threatened people. The program will portray aspects of the history, development and achievements of ANIS, maintaining their identity and culture in the midst of war. It will include brief story-telling through animation and testimonies of living elders (112 years-old!) who lived through the uprising and massacre of 1932.

Members of SAIIC and Mas Media, a San Francisco-based women's media collective, are working together with the ANIS media project to bring this program to completion. Volunteer work and contributions are needed. Contact can be made by writing to A. Luisa c/o Mas Media, 2940 16th Street, San Francisco, CA 94103 or by calling 415-626-1875.



Community members and leaders of the Maya, Nahuat and Lenca people are protesting continued violations of human rights and are demanding justice and

prosecution of the military personnel responsible for the massacre of Las Hojas Cooperative.

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