

trialized, non-Indian societies which surround them. But they provide a means of self-determination by which Indian communities can reach accommodations with the outside world on Indian terms. In the case of the Kuna, community autonomy also provides a model of participatory democracy which non-Indian communities would do well to heed.

--Pete Hammer

MEXICO

Alvaro Vasquez, representative of the Assembly of Zapotec and Chinantec Peoples of the Oaxaca Sierra (Asamblea del Pueblo Zapoteca y Chinanteca de las Sierras de Oaxaca), was in the San Francisco Bay Area to organize an exposition of Zapotec-Chinantec lithographs and to show videos about his people. For information regarding the Zapotec-Chinantec newspaper write: Iopil, c/o Miguel Cabrera, 351-1 C.P., Oaxaca, Oaxaca, Mexico.



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COLOMBIA

On June 29th the Colombian army bombed the municipality of Caldono, destroying 16 houses and many crops. In other land-based operations the army searched homes, stealing cattle, chickens and household items. Similar violations took place in the Indian community of Pueblo Nuevo on July 1. Prior to that, the village of Tacueyo had been bombarded twice, and the villages of Corinto and Jambalo once each.

The army changed its tactics against alleged rural guerrilla forces from bombarding the mountains to directly bombarding the areas occupied by Indian villages, which have suffered constant hostilities due to the militarization of the Cauca region. The worsening situation of Indian communities is also demonstrated by the death of Maximiliano Quiguanas, the president of a local cooperative, who was killed while working.

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ECUADOR

Ecuador, along with Bolivia and Peru, is one of the countries in South America with the highest Indian population. It is estimated that 50% of Ecuador's 7 million inhabitants are Indian. The thirteen Indian nations in Ecuador are in three distinct regions: the Andean region (Quichua), the Pacific coast region, and the Amazon jungle region. The