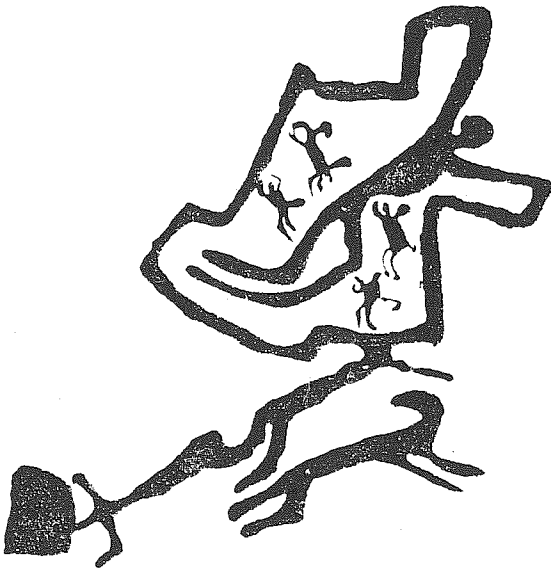


BOLIVIA

Indian organizations in South America mourn the death of Zenobio Ayala, who was a founding member and active participant in MITKA-1. During his 43 years Zenobio was involved in the Bolivian Indian movement, both as a strategist and an activist. An editorial in the CISA newsletter comments, "We will have your example to continue the struggle for the rights of our people."

COLOMBIA



In the Cauca region of Colombia there is an ongoing struggle over land between indigenous communities and those who use the land for growing sugar cane. Clashes between indigenous communities, hacendados and government forces have resulted in many deaths. In a recent letter to President Betancur of Colombia, Trino Morales, president of ONIC (Organizacion Nacional de Indigenas de Colombia, Apartado Aereo 32395, Bogota, Colombia), stated: "Today we wish to live in peace, not at war. We are tired of this state of seige and for that reason urge you as president and respect our culture, our officials, our autonomy and to assure us of the maintenance of our indigenous lands."

NICARAGUA

The peace talks between the Nicaraguan government and the Miskito Indian organization MISURASATA have been postponed. They will be held in Bogota, Colombia, on February 22. Luis Carrion, Vice-minister of the Interior, will be representing the government of Nicaragua, and Brooklin Rivera will be representing MISURASATA.

These talks are facilitated by the governments of France, Sweden, Mexico, and Colombia, and by organizations such as the World Council of Indigenous Peoples and Cultural Survival.