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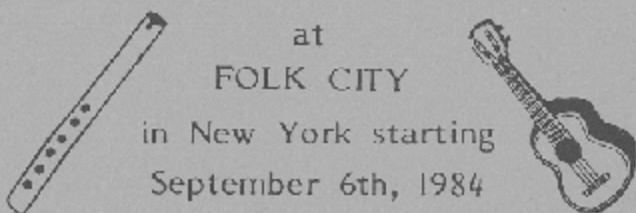
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IT'S SIMPLE STEVE,
 WHY DON'T YOU
 AND YOUR BOYS
 JUST GET THE
 FUCK OUT OF
 EL SALVADOR!

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will be having a series of concerts



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RESOURCES

It's best to hear the songs in this issue live or on record. There's an awful lot paper and ink can't convey. And albums from Latin America can be hard to come by. Whenever possible, we've listed North American record sources for the songs. Two labels that regularly issue Nueva Cancion albums in the U.S. are Monilis Records, 156 Fifth Ave., En. 100E, NYC 10010 and Paredon Records, Box 40250, San Francisco, CA 94140. The latter Latinamericanos, 19 W. 21st, NW 10011, sells records from Latin America by mail and in person. And in New York you might also try King Karl Records (42nd St.), Casa Moneo (14th St.) and Rizzoli's (712 Fifth Ave.). The New Song Library, P.O. Box 295, Northampton, MA 01061, makes available tapes and transcriptions of political songs and is sure to have some in Spanish. And for print sources, the best is Sing Out! Magazine, which has been printing Nueva Cancion for years. Write Box 1071, Easton, PA 18042 for a list.

SPANISH PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

<i>b</i>	regalo	gor
<i>e</i>	te	ter
<i>i</i>	radio	see
<i>o</i>	aromas	oh
<i>u</i>	una	ood
<i>ea</i>	Corea	hayonet
<i>ia</i>	criatura	Maria
<i>ie</i>	mieses	yes
<i>io</i>	gordones	yodel
<i>ue</i>	muerto	wet
<i>h</i>	Holanda	honor (h is silent)
<i>j</i>	dejo	hope
<i>n</i>	niño	canyon
<i>r</i>	racimo	rolled r; short trill
<i>y</i> (alone)	y	me
que, qu, ca, co, cu: kettle		
z, s, ce, ch: seat		
b, v: bottle (with lips barely together)		
go, ga, gu: go (hard g)		

Crossing the Borders

Many of us learned of the *Nueva Canción*, the Latin American new song movement, the hard way. On September 14, 1973, Victor Jara, perhaps the finest composer and singer of his generation, was murdered by the junta that overthrew the Chilean government of Salvador Allende. Dozens of other musicians were stranded abroad or forced into exile, bringing tragically to the world the firsthand experience of a music so potent that its mere singing could be a death sentence.

But the music of Chile was not unique. Even before 1973, for example, the rebellious, millennial rhythms of Jamaican reggae had begun to have an impact on American popular music. The Chilean new song movement was only the most politically focused expression of musical stirrings taking place in every one of the countries of the continent and the Caribbean.

Our ignorance of Latin America has not been accidental. Clearly, the businessmen and militarists who consider Latin America our "backyard" would just as soon we didn't look out the back window too often. But the upheavals in Central America have finally put the Latin nations in our daily headlines, and as the possibility of more direct involvement in a widening war increases, North Americans have become hungry to understand more.

And there's a lot to understand. "Latin America"--since it represents, and incorrectly at that, only the heritage of Spanish colonial rule--is a poor title for a diverse continent that owes just as much of its reality to the culture of Native Americans and the descendants of African slaves. An important part of the *Nueva Canción* movement has been the discovery and revival of Latin America's true musical roots, in defiance of centuries of cultural domination, first by Europe, then by the U.S.

This issue, then, can only give you a bare sampling of the exciting music being made in Latin America today. If you don't speak Spanish (I'm not so good myself), don't be intimidated—it's like loving Levy's. You don't have to be fluent to learn a few songs, and there are few more wonderful ways to learn a language than through its music and poetry. Don't forget that Spanish-language music has been part of U.S. culture from the start. Today, Spanish is the first language of nearly one in ten U.S. citizens. If we can lay claim to a second language, Spanish is it.

We've also included in this issue several English songs by North Americans about Latin America. We believe they are part of what will someday be a hemispheric American culture—one based on respect, mutual appreciation, and peace.

Bob Norman

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Simón Bolívar

Simón Bolívar, Simón — cara-

queño Ameri-ca-no — el sue-lo ver-ne-zo-

la-no — le dio la fuerza a tu voz —

Si-món Bolí-var Si-món —

na-ció de tu Ve-ne-zue-la y por todo el tiempo

vue-la co-mo can-de-la tu voz — co-mo

can-de-la que va — se-ña-lan-do un rumbo

cier-to en es-te sue-lo eu-bier-to de muer-

tos con dig-ni-dad —

The former slave, Toussaint L'Ouverture, founded the first Latin American republic in 1800. In the following decades, the emerging Latin nations fought a long series of wars to gain their independence from Spain, with Simón Bolívar leading the struggle in the north, José Artigas in the south. This rousing tribute to Bolívar comes from his native Venezuela. You can hear it on the album Viva Chile! by the Chilean group Inti-Illimani, available from Monitor Records.

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(Transcribed by Abby Newton)
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Simón Bolívar, Simón
caraqueño americano
el suelo venezolano
te dió la fuerza a tu voz.
Simón Bolívar, Simón
nació de tu Venezuela
y por todo el tiempo vuela
como candela tu voz
como candela que va
señalando un rumbo cierto
en este suelo cubierto
de muertos con dignidad.

Simón Bolívar, Simón
revivido en las memorias
que abrió otro tiempo la historia
te espera el tiempo Simón.
Simón Bolívar, razón
razón del pueblo profunda
antes que todo se hunda
vamos de nuevo Simón.

Simón Bolívar, Simón
en el sur la voz amiga
es la voz de José Artigas
que también tenía razón.

Simón Bolívar, Simón
American, Caracan
the Venezuelan soil
gave strength to your voice
Simón Bolívar, Simón
son of your Venezuela
your voice will
soar like flame forever
like a flame
lighting a true path
through this earth littered
with dead who died with dignity

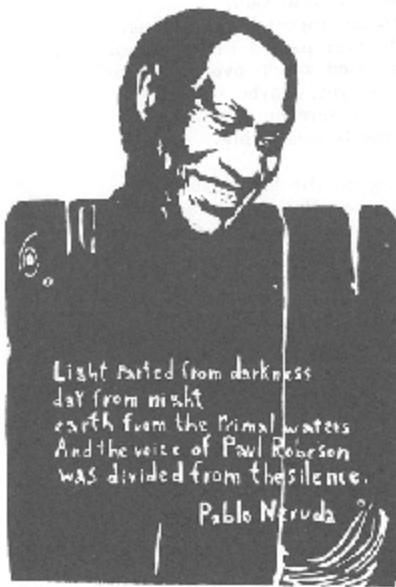
Simón Bolívar, Simón
still living in the memories
history began back then—
the time awaits you, Simón
Simón Bolívar, your knowledge,
the deep knowledge of the people
before everything goes to hell
let's go again, Simon
Simón Bolívar, Simón
in the south your brother's calling
it's the voice of José Artigas
who had your knowledge, too



A La Mina No Voy (I'M NOT GOING TO THE MINE)

A song from the black folklore of 17th century Colombia.

Am Dm E7 Am
 Bunque m'ame me mate-a la mina no voy yo no quiero mo-
 Dm E7 Am Dm yo no E7
 rme en un soca vaino no quiero morir-me en un soca
 Am Am
 vén Don Pedro este amo él te compró Se compran los
 casados los hombres en lamina millar el año
 al fondo del socavón El bla-movien ensueña
 de madera combalcon cuando duele de la mina
 cansado del carretón en cuento-a minegrotri-
 ste



Light parted from darkness
day from night
earth from the primal waters
And the voice of Paul Robeson
was divided from the silence.

Pablo Neruda

Special thanks to Peter Tracy, who trucked in, set up and manned the BROADSIDE booth at the Hudson River Revival last month. Peter and his sons Sean and Jason gave up two days of their time to help get the message out to the thousands who visited the Revival. BROADSIDE needs more friends like Peter.

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Cero:
Y aunque mi amo me mate
a la mina no voy
Yo no quiero morirme
en un socavón

Don Pedro es tu amo
Él te compra
Se compran las cosas
a los hombres no (caro)

En la mina brilla el oro
al fondo del socavón
El blanco se lleva todo
y el negro deja el dolor (coro)

El blanco vive en su casa
de madera con balcón
El negro en rancho de paja
en un solo pabellón (coro)

Cuando vuelve de la mina
cansado del carretón
Encuentro a mi negra triste
abandonada de Dios
y a mis negritos con hambre
(Por qué esto? Pregunto yo fiera)

And even if my boss kills me
I'm not going to the mine
I don't want to see the end of me
in that killer mine shaft

Don Pedro is your master
He bought you
Things can be bought
but men cannot

In the mine the gold glitters
at the bottom of the tunnel
The white man takes it all
paying the black man in sorrow

When I return from the mine
tired from pushing my cart
I see the sad eyes of my woman
by God's hand never touched
and, seeing my children's hunger
I asked myself...why us?





Las Preguntitas

(THE LITTLE QUESTIONS)

Words and music by
Atahualpa Yupanqui ©

un dia pregunte yo a-abuelo donde está dios (un) mi abuelo se puso triste y nadie me respondió mi-a.
a-abuelo murío en el campo sin rezos ni confesión y los indios flauta de caña y tambor lo enterraron los indios flauta
de caña y tambor.

Un dia pregunte yo:
¿Abuelo, donde está Dios?
Mi abuelo se puso triste
y nadie me respondió.
Mi abuelo murió en el campo
sin rezos ni confesión
y le enterraron los indios
flauta de caña y tambor.

Un dia yo pregunte:
¿Padre, qué sabes de Dios?
Mi padre se puso serio
y nadie me respondió.
Mi padre murió en la mina
en un negro socavón
color de sangre minera
tiene el otor del patrón.

A tiempo pregunte yo:
¿Hermano, qué sabes de Dios?
Mi hermano bajó los ojos
y nadie me respondió.
Mi hermano vive en el monte
y no conoce una flor;
sudor, malaria y serpiente
es la vida del leñador.

The "parents" of the New Song movement in Latin America were Atahualpa Yupanqui of Argentina and Violeta Parra of Chile. Yupanqui was born Roberto Chávero in 1908 in Buenos Aires and grew up among the peasants and workers of the mountains of Tucuman. He took the names of the last two great Indian chiefs before the Spanish conquest to symbolize his search for an Argentinian identity in the voice of "the Gauche and the Indian that has been in our blood since the time of our forefathers." Yupanqui worked as a journalist, a school teacher, a film projectionist, a typographer, a boxer, and a traveling musician while writing the more than 400 songs that have won him international acclaim. He made his first U.S. appearance last November at Carnegie Hall in a concert sponsored by the Taller Latinoamericano. This song can be heard on an album available from the Taller, *La Pura Verdad—Las Preguntitas*.

Y que negle le pregunte
si sabe donde está Dios,
por su casa nu ha pasado
tan importante señor.
Que Dios vela por los pobres
tal vez si o tal vez nu,
pero es seguro que almuerza
en la mesa del patron.

Yo canto por los caminos,
y cuando estoy en prisión
oigo las voces del pueblo,
que cantan mejor que yo.
Una rosa hay en la vida
mas importante que Dios;
y es que nadie escupa sangre
pa que otros vivan mejor.

One day I asked my grandfather
"Grandfather, where is God?"
My grandfather grew sad
and gave me no answer.
My grandfather died in the fields
with no prayer or confession
and the Indians buried him
with cane flutes and drums.

One day I asked my father
"Father, what do you know of God?"
My father grew serious
and gave me no answer.
My father died in the mines
deep in the dark shaft.
The gold of the mineowner
is the color of miners' blood.

Today I asked by brother
"Brother, what do you know of God?"
My brother lowered his eyes
and gave me no answer.
My brother lives in the mountains
and never sees a flower;
Sweat, malaria, snakes
are the life of a woodcutter.

And no one seemed to know
where to find God.
Such an important gentleman
had never passed their houses.
Does God watch over the poor?
Maybe yes, maybe no,
but it's sure he has lunch
at the bosses' table.

I sing on the highways
and when I'm in prison
I hear the voices of the people
who sing better than I.
One thing in life
is more important than God:
that no one spit blood
to make others richer.



Volver a los 7

(TO BE SEVENTEEN AGAIN)

The musical score consists of eight staves of music for voice and piano. The lyrics are written below each staff. Chords are indicated above the staff.

Lyrics (approximate translation):

- Vol- ver a los dieci-siete después de vi-
- vir un siglo-es como descifrar signos
- sin ser sabio competente Volver a
- Ser de repente tan frágil como un segundo
- volver a sentir profundo como un ni-
- ño frente a dios eso-es lo que siente yo en
- este instante fecundo Se va en redondo en redan-
- do como en el muro la hiedra y va brotando, brotan-
- do como el mosquito en la piedra como el mosquito en la pie-
- dra ay si si si



Words and music by Violeta Parra
Translation by Joan Jara ©

Volver a los 17
después de vivir un siglo
es como descifrar signos
sin ser mago competente,
volver a ser de repente
tan frágil como un segundo
volver a sentir profundo
como un niño trente a Dios
eso es lo que siento yo
en este instante fecundo.

El amor es corbillino
de pureza original
hasta el feroz animal
susurra su dulce tristeza,
detiene a los peregrinos,
libera a los prisioneros;
el amor con sus esmeros
al viejo lo vuelve niño
y al malo solo el cariño
lo vuelve puro y sincero.

Coro:
Se va enciendo, erizando
como en el muro la hiedra
y va brotando, brotando
como el mosquito en la piedra
como el mosquito en la piedra
ay si, si, si.

Mi paso retrocedido
mientras el de ustedes avanza,
el Arca de las Alianzas
a penetrando en mi nido;
con todo su colorido
se ha paseado por mis venas
y hasta la dura cadena
con que nos ata el destino
es como un diamante fino
que alumina a mi alma serena.

Lo que puede el sentimiento
no lo ha podido "el saber"
ni el mas claro prever
ni el mas ancho pensamiento,
todo lo cambia al momento
cuál mago condescendiente;
nos aleja dulcemente
de rencores y violencias
solo el amor con su ciencia
nos vuelve tan inocentes, inocentes.

To be seventeen again
After living for a century
Is like trying to read portents
Without being a magician.
To be again suddenly
As fragile as a second.
To feel again so deeply
As a child before God.
That is now I feel now
In this fruitful moment.

Love is a whirlwind
Of original purity
Even the most ferocious animal
Whispers its soft sound
It detains pilgrims
Frees prisoners
With painstaking care
Turns an old man into a child
And only love can transform an evil man
Into one who is pure and sincere.

Chorus:
It goes creeping, creeping,
Like ivy up a wall
And keeps growing, growing,
Like the moss on a stone.
Oh, yes, yes, yes.

My steps are retreating,
While all yours are advancing
The spirit of Noah's Ark
Is pervading my nest;
With all its bright colors
It runs through my veins
And even the heavy chains
Which tie us to our destiny
It's like a fine diamond
Which lights up my calm spirit.

Emotion can do
What knowledge could never do,
Nor can the clearest conduct
nor can the greatest thought;
Everything changes from the moment
That like a king magician
It sweetly separates us
From rancor and violence.
Only love with its sure method
Can make us so innocent again. (Chorus)

"A completely unconventional woman with no regard for appearances, Violeta dressed as simply as a peasant, and at a time when other women of her class wore bouffant hairstyles, she left her hair long and almost uncombed. She was a pioneer and had spent years tramping throughout the country with her two children, Isabel and Angel, collecting folklore. She lived with the peasants or performed in the poor, ramshackle circuses that toured around during the summer months. She sang in the peasant tradition, almost monotonously, without artifice, but her guitar and her voice seemed to grow out of the earth."

-Joan Jara

The Parras opened the Peña de los Parras in Santiago in 1965, and it quickly became the center of the New Song movement in Chile. Since her death in 1967, Violeta's children and many other singers around the world have kept alive her haunting political, folkloric, and lyrical songs. This beautiful love song has been recorded in Canada by Nancy White, who sings some of the verses in English, on her album *Unexpected* (Mouton Records, 14 Ellsworth Ave., Toronto, Ont., M6GZK3). Another, "Gracias a la Vida", can be found in *Sing Out!* (22-5) and has been recorded in the U.S. by Joan Baez. Both songs are on the album *Las Últimas Composiciones de Violeta Parra*, (The Last Compositions of Violeta Parra).

North of the Border

In the past ten years the Nueva Canción has begun to find a home in the U.S. And where it's taken root, cultural ties between North and South Americans have grown. Each coast has had a pioneer: in Berkeley, the La Peña Cultural Center; in New York, the Taller Latinoamericano (Latin American Workshop).

La Peña

La Peña was founded in 1975 by Chilean exiles and sympathetic North Americans determined to keep the *peña* movement alive in the world despite its repression in Chile. It has existed for almost ten years now, on the endless work of a devoted staff and hundreds of volunteers. La Peña has gradually evolved into a more general community center, a meeting place for Bay Area activists of all persuasions (when La Peña celebrated its fifth anniversary in 1980, Berkeley mayor Gus Newport declared June 7 "La Peña Day"). But it has kept its bilingual atmosphere and its commitment to spreading truth about Latin America.

From the start, the music room has been the center of La Peña's cultural activities, providing space for daily concerts, dances, films, puppet shows and walls for photos, weavings, paintings. At least once a week it has hosted benefits for community organizations. Most all the well-known Nueva Canción artists have visited La Peña when they've toured the U.S., and North Americans like Holly Near and the late Melvina Reynolds have been special friends.

The music room rubs elbows with the Cocina de los Andes restaurant and with a community room for meetings, classes, and rehearsals — and a brilliant, hectic mural fronts it all on Shattuck Ave. (3105 Shattuck, call 415-849-2572).



Taller Latinoamericano

The Taller (pronounced tie-yair) was founded in 1979. It was and remains the brainchild of Argentinian singer and songwriter Bernardo Falombe; but like La Peña its success has been due to the hard work of devoted staff and volunteers.

In its original space on W. 19th St. in Manhattan, the Taller had room for little more than Spanish classes and an occasional concert or art show. But in 1981 its crew, along with some solidarity activists and a graphic designer, moved into a large loft on W. 21st St., and, with tortuous volunteer labor, began converting the rubble of a cavernous former sweatshop into a community cultural center. When the new Taller opened its doors in 1982, its decor was still late-Minich, but two years later it sports a gorgeous blonde dance floor and labyrinthine convent-style walls that subdivide eight offices, three classrooms, a 200-seat auditorium with a projection booth, a 16-mm film-editing room, an art gallery, and a cafe.

Starting with its innovative Spanish classes, the Taller has stressed cross-cultural communication. The new auditorium is named for Violeta Parra and Woody Guthrie. And the additional space has allowed the Taller to undertake more ambitious projects — a nine-week concert by independent filmmakers, an avant-garde theater production from West Germany, a klezmer concert and a square dance, a riotous benefit dance by Brazilian Samba artists and new-wave rockers, an art show by local schoolkids.

In the last year and a half the Taller has sponsored sold-out concerts by the legendary Argentinian musicians Mercedes Sosa and Atahualpa Yupanqui (the latter at Carnegie Hall). And on October 21 it will go terrestrial with a multimedia production of the Nicaraguan *Miss Campesina* (Peasant Queen) by Carlos Mejia Godoy — including music, dance, and video — that will be broadcast by satellite to Latin America from the giant Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

To find out more about the Taller's ever-expanding activities, contact them at 19 W. 21st St. (call 212-255-7155).



Pete Seeger and Mercedes Sosa open the Taller Latinoamericano's Parra-Guthrie auditorium.



Caminando, Caminando

(WALKING, WALKING)



Words and music by Victor Jara ©

Bm

caminando caminando voy buscando libertad ojalá encuentre camino para seguir caminando ojalá
encontre camino para seguir caminando.



Caminando, caminando
voy buscando libertad;
ojalá encuentre camino
para seguir caminando.

Es difícil encontrar
en la sombra claridad
cuando el sol que nos alumbría
descolora la verdad.

Cuánto tiempo estoy llegando,
desde cuando me habré ido,
cuánto tiempo caminando,
desde cuándo caminando.

Caminando,
caminando.

Walking, walking
Searching for freedom
If only I could find the way
To keep on walking.

It's hard to find clarity
In shadows
When the sun that lights us
Makes truth fade

So many times, almost arriving
So long ago I started walking
So much time, walking
So long ago, walking.

One of Victor Jara's simplest songs, but one of the most evocative. A hypnotic guitar part and the unresolved melody create a mood of dreamlike searching. Jara's "Te Recuerdo Amanda" can be found in Broadside No. 151.

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VICTOR JARA

ARTISTS: ADRIAN BRITTON
MUSIC: VICTOR JARA
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I. Victor Jara — of Chile —
lived like a shooting star. He fought for the people of
Chile with his songs and his guitar
His hands were gentle, his hands were strong.
2. Victor Jara was a peasant worker from a few years old.
He sat upon his father's plow
And watched the earth unfurl —
His hands were gentle, his hands were strong.
3. When the neighbors had a wedding or one of their
children died
His mother sang all night for them
With Victor by her side
His hands were gentle, his hands were strong.

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4. He grew up to be a fighter against the peoples' wrongs
He listened to their grievances and joys
And turned them into songs
His hands were gentle, his hands were strong.
5. He sang about the copper miners and those
Who worked the land
He sang about the factory workers
And they knew he was their man
His hands were gentle, his hands were strong.
6. He campaigned for Allende working night
and day
He said take hold of your brother's hand
You know the future begins today
His hands were gentle, his hands were strong.
7. When the generals seized Chile, they
arrested Victor then
And caged him in a stadium
With five thousand frightened men
His hands were gentle, his hands were strong.
8. Victor stood in the stadium, his voice
was brave and strong
He sang for his fellow prisoners
Till the guards cut short his song
His hands were gentle, his hands were strong.
9. They broke the bones in both his hands,
they beat him on the head
They tore him with electric shocks
And then they shot him dead
His hands were gentle, his hands were strong.
10. Victor Jara lived like a shooting star
He fought for the people of Chile
With his songs and his guitar
His hands were gentle, his hands were strong.

Desaparecidos

(THE DISAPPEARED)

(Intro and ending)

ly ly ly ly ly, ly ly ly ly ly, ly ly ly ly ly.

People in exile all over the world, Paris, Vancouver, New York, Montreal, Asking the question, the answer long promised,

(Chorus)

Blending their voices in one angry call: Desaparecidos, desaparecidos, Thousands and thousands lost without trace; Where is my brother? My sister? My lover? Will the day come when I'll see that dear face?

day come when I'll see that dear face? face? you have to come with us, leave your home and your family behind.

Give us the names of all the other traitors of your kind.

If you don't talk, we have a camp where we think ^{your} change your mind.

Transcribed by Abby Newton

This song was written by Nancy White of Toronto in 1978, when Toronto's Chilean community staged a hunger strike to pressure the junta in Santiago to release information about Chile's "disappeared." The song is on Nancy's album, *Unexpected*, and in the U.S. it has been recorded by Priscilla Herdman on *Seasons of Change*, available from Flying Fish Records, 304 W. Schubert, Chicago, IL, 60614. The singable Spanish translation was made by Marcelo Puente, a Chilean who lived in Toronto and was a member of the Greek-Chilean singing group, *Compañeros*. A song on a similar theme, Holly Near's "Hay Una Mujer Desaparecida" can be found in *Sing Out!* (29-3).

Words and music by Nancy White ©

People in exile all over the world
Paris, Vancouver, New York, Montreal,
Asking the question, the answer long-promised,
Blending their voices in one angry call.

Chorus:

Desaparecidos, desaparecidos,
Thousands and thousands lost without trace,
Where is my brother? My sister? My lover?
Will the day come when I'll see that dear face?

Friends disappear in the dark of the night,
Some return broken from brutality,
But others just never come back, and I fear
The answer lies deep in the earth and the sea.
(Chorus)

You have to come with us,
Leave your home and your family behind,
Give us the names
Of all the other traitors of your kind,
If you won't talk, we have a camp
Where we think you'll change your mind.

(Chorus)

Pasos de exilio en cada país
New York, Vancouver, Montreal y Paris
Y en cada rostro la misma pregunta
Y en cada grito la misma razón.

Coro:
Desaparecidos, desaparecidos,
Miles y miles, donde estarán?
Dónde está mi hermano?
Y el ser que yo amo?
Y el día aquel en que los vuelva a ver.

Que noche amarga los dejo al partir
Y otros que vuelven con rabia en la piel
Pero hay algunos que nunca vendrán
Besos que amanecen del fondo del mar.

(Coro)

Los llevan sin piedad
Sin importarles los hijos ni el pan
Y en una celda habran
de interrogarlos como a un criminal
Somos la ley!
Pero jamás podrán callar lo que es verdad.

(Coro) Spanish translation by Marcelo Puente



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Hasta Siempre

(FOREVER)

Words and music by Carlos Puebla ©

*Aprendimos a quererte desde la histórica altura,
donde el sol de tu bravura
le puso cerco a la muerte.*

*Aquí se queda la clara,
la entrañable transparencia
de tu querida presencia
Comandante Che Guevara.*

*Tu amor revolucionario
te conduce a nueva empresa,
donde esperan la firmeza
de tu brazo libertador. (Coro)*

*Chorus:
Aprendimos a quererte desde la histórica altura,
donde el sol de tu bravura
le puso cerco a la muerte.
Aquí se queda la clara,
la entrañable transparencia
de tu querida presencia
Comandante Che Guevara.*

*Tu mano gloriosa y fuerte
desde la historia dispara
cuando todo Santa Clara
se despierta para verte. (Coro)*

*Vienes quemando la brisa
con soles de primavera
para plantar la bandera
con la luz de tu sonrisa. (Coro)*

*Seguiremos adelante
como junto a ti seguimos,
y con Fidel te decimos:
Hasta siempre, Comandante. (Coro)*

*We learned to love you
From that historic height
Where your heroic sun
Laid siege to death.*

*Chorus:
The light remains
The transparent truth
Of your beloved presence
Comandante Che Guevara*

*Your revolutionary love
Leads you onward
Where they are waiting
For your valor (Chorus)*

*Your strong hand
Is still attacking
Since the time when all Santa Clara
Awoke to see you (Chorus)*

*You strike fire in the wind
With the suns of spring,
Planting the flag
With the light of your smile (Chorus)*

*We'll go forward
Following close behind you
And with Fidel we say:
"Forever, Comandante!" (Chorus)*

No figure in recent Latin American history has inspired as many songs as Ernesto "Che" Guevara. This famous tribute, in the traditional Cuban *guajira* style (same rhythm as "Guantanamera"), is by Carlos Puebla, one of Cuba's most prolific and popular composers.



HONDURAS, 1983: U.S. troops land for maneuvers to demonstrate American military presence.

NICARAGUA, 1929: Marines run the country during a two-decade occupation.



ADVERSITY IS THE MOTHER OF INTERVENTION.

THE BETTMANN ARCHIVE

Che Guevara

Words and music by Peggy Seeger
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The hunt is o-ver the hounds are wea-ry The
hun-ter's home and laid him down Wild and
free was Che Gue-va-ra Till
torn and spent they brought him to the ground

*(Transcribed by Abby Newton
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From the singing of Ewan MacColl and Peggy Seeger. Peggy Seeger's tune is based on a rural English folksong, "The Banks of Sweet Primroses". This song can be heard on Ewan and Peggy's album *At The Present Moment* (Rounder 4003), available from Rounder Records, 1 Camp St., Cambridge, MA 02140.

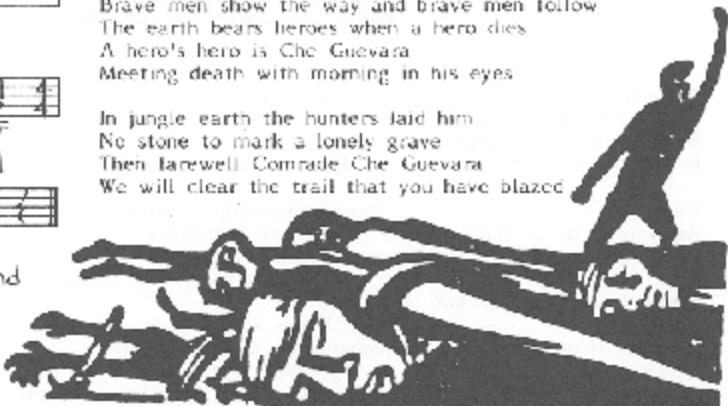
The hunt is over, the hounds are weary
The hunter's home and laid him down
Wild and free was Che Guevara
'Til torn and spent they brought him
to the ground.

Stars are lost in the fields of darkness
Hunter's moon stalks the empty night
Like a farmer walks Che Guevara
Bearing suns to sow the world with light

The way is dark and beset with danger
The road may end in a prison cell
A guiding hand is Che Guevara
To lead us past the place at which he fell

Brave men show the way and brave men follow
The earth bears heroes when a hero dies
A hero's hero is Che Guevara
Meeting death with morning in his eyes

In jungle earth the hunters laid him
No stone to mark a lonely grave
Then farewell Comrade Che Guevara
We will clear the trail that you have blazed



Words & Music: PHIL OCHS

Santo Domingo

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THE CRABS ARE CRAZ-Y, THEY SCUTTLE BACK AND FORTH, THE SAND IS BURNING
AND THE FISH TAKE FLIGHT AND SCATTER FROM THE SIGHT; THEIR COLOR IS TURNING, AS THE SEA GULLS
REST ON THE GOLD CAN-DO KEST, THE SEA IS BURNING, THE MARINES HAVE
LANDED ON THE SHORES OF SANTO DO-MIN- GO.

2. THE FISHERMEN SWAT, THEY'RE PASHING AT
THEIR NETS
THE DAY'S A-SURFING
AS THE WAD-SHIPS SWAT, AND THUNDER IN THE DAY
LOUD IN THE MORNING,
BUT THE SON IN THE SHORES IS THROWING PENNIES
NO MORE
HE RUNS A-WARNING
THAT THE MARINES HAVE LANDED ON THE SHORES
OF SANTO DOMINGO.

3. THE STREETS ARE STILL, THERE'S SILENCE IN
THE HILLS
THE DAWN IS SLEEPING
AND THE FARMERS LAIN IN THE SOOT SILVER DAWN
THE FIRING THEY'RE KEEPING
AS THE FIRST DRUGS LANE, AND SLEEP INTO THE
DAWN
THE PLADS ARE KEEPING
THE MARINES HAVE LANDED ON THE SHORES OF
SANTO DOMINGO.

4. THE UNSHILLING SUN IS SHINING DOWN UPON
THE SINGING SOLDIERS
IN THE CLOUD THAT WHIRL, THEY WHISTLE AT THE
GIRLS
THEY'RE GETTING GOLDEN
THE OLD WOMAN SIGH, TALK OF HAMMERED GONE BY
THEIR SHOULDER BRILLIANCE
THE MARINES HAVE LANDED ON THE SHORES OF SANTO
DOMINGO.

5. BEAUTY FOR THE TRICKS, THEIR BAYONETS ARE FIRED
HIM THAT ARE KILLING
AS THE CARS HAVE TRACKS PAST THE TREMBLING
SHACKS
WHICH FEAR'S UNFOLDING
ALL THE YOUNG WIVES, AWAKED, TURN THEIR BACKS
TO THE PARADE
WITH BLESS THEY'RE HOLDING
THE MARINES HAVE LANDED ON THE SHORES OF SANTO
DOMINGO.



6. A BULLET CRACKS THE SOUND, THE ARMY HITS THE GROUND
THE SNIPER'S CALLING
SO THEY OPEN UP THEIR GUNS, A THOUSAND TO ONE
NO SENSE IN STANDING
HE CLUTCHES AT HIS HEAD, AND TOTTERS ON THE EDGE
LOCK, NOW HE'S FALLING
THE MARINES HAVE LANDED ON THE SHORES OF SANTO DOMINGO.

7. IN THE RED PLAZA SQUARE, THE CROWDS COME TO STARE
THE HEAT IS LEAVING
AND THE EYES OF THE DEAD ARE TURNING EVERY HEAD
TO THE WOMAN'S SCREAMING
BUT THE SOLDIERS MAKE A BIG, GIVING CANDY TO THE KIDS
THEIR TEETH ARE CLEARING
THE MARINES HAVE LANDED ON THE SHORES OF SANTO DOMINGO.

8. UP AND DOWN THE COAST, THE GENERALS DRINK A TOAST
THE WHEEL IS SPINNING
AND THE COARDS AND THE WHORES ARE PEAKING THROUGH THE DOORS
TO SEE WHO'S WINNING
AND THE TRAITORS WILL PHEWD IT'S GETTING NEAR THE END
WHEN IT'S BEGINNING
THE MARINES HAVE LANDED ON THE SHORES OF SANTO DOMINGO
(REPEAT FIRST VERSE).

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Tempo De Guerra

(TIME OF WAR)

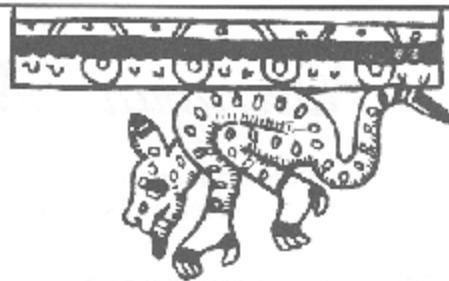
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Am F Am

F Eu sei que é pre - ciso ven - cer eu
sei que é preciso lu - tar Eu sei que é
preciso morrer Eu sei que é preciso mor -
rer E um tempo de guerra é um tempo sem
sol e um Sem sol Sem sol Sem sol Sem
sol Sem sol Sem sol E um tempo de guerra Eu
tempo sem sol E vo - ce que me prossegue
e valer feliz a tier - ra Lembrar sempre
desse tempo que é um tempo que é de guerra E um

Chorus:

E um tempo de guerra,
e um tempo sem sol,
sem sol, sem sol, sem sol,
sem sol, sem sol, sem sol.

**Portuguese:**

Eu sei que é preciso vencer,
eu sei que é preciso lutar,
eu sei que é preciso morrer,
eu sei que é preciso matar.

Coro:

E um tempo de guerra,
e um tempo sem sol,
sem sol, sem sol, sem sol,
sem sol, sem sol, sem sol.

E voce que me prossegue
evai ver feliz a terra
lembre sempre desse tempo,
que é um tempo que é de guerra.

Sabia bem que procurando
o caminho da amizade
não devemos ser amigos:
ao mal, ao mal, vamos dar maldade.
(Coro)

I know we must win
I know we must struggle
I know we must die
I know we must kill

Chorus:
It's a time of war
It's a time with no sun

And you who follow me
And see this land content
Never forget this time
This time of war

Understand that to find
The way of peace
We could not be peaceful
We fought fire with fire.
(Chorus)

This Brazilian song combines the country's turbulent rhythms with a Portuguese text based on Bertolt Brecht's poem "To Posterity." A Spanish version can be heard on the album Tropicos by Uruguayan singer Daniel Viglietti, available from Monitor Records.

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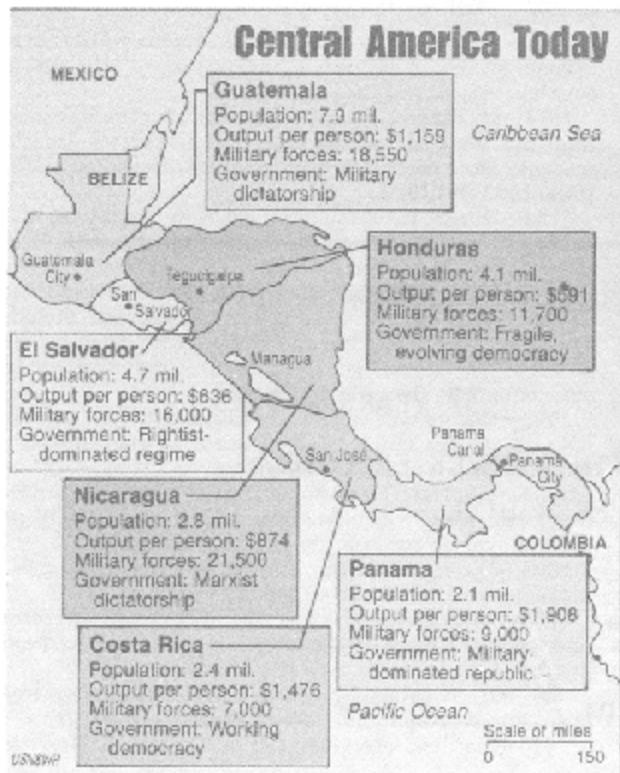
Nicaragua, Nicraguita

Words and music by Carlos Mejía Godoy
(Transcribed by Pete Seeger) ©



Ay, Nicaragua, Nicraguita, la flor mas linda de mi querer aben-adá con la bendita Nicaraguíta sangre de Diriangen. Ay, Nicaragua, sos mas dulcita que la mielita de Tamagás. Tero a hora, que yas es libre Nicraguita, yo te quiero mucho mas. Tero a hora que yas es libre Nicraguita, yo te quiero mucho mas.

Carlos Mejía Godoy sings this slowly at first, with a free cadence, like an Irish ballad. Then he repeats it again with a brisk rhythm. But, as often in Latin America, one avoids the "oom-pah-pah" effect by including syncopations and counter-rhythms in the accompaniment. Sometimes one guitar will play in 6/8 time as another guitar plays in 3/4 time. And the singer creatively stretches the melody over the syncopations. Diriangen was an Indian leader killed by the Spaniards. -- Pete Seeger



by Mel Rosenthal

Toward A New Democracy of Culture

by Ernesto Cardenal

Poet and priest Ernesto Cardenal leads Nicaragua's new ministry of culture. The following article is excerpted from a speech he gave before UNESCO in 1981.

I founded a small community in Lake Nicaragua in the archipelago of Solentiname, inhabited by poor isolated peasants. There we developed primitive painting and poetry. Later the community became involved in the struggle of the Sandinista Liberation Front. Consequently Somosa's National Guard destroyed all the community's installations. In a National Guardsman saw a painting in a hut; he broke it with his bayonet.

Why am I telling this? Because I want to show it as an example of the cultural repression in Nicaragua. Literature, theater, and song were suppressed. Books were banned. First they said those books considered were dangerous, and finally it was all books. This is why we have a literature which is essentially that of protest, a political song, and a popular street theater.

Poetry workshops have been created in the popular neighborhoods and Indian communities of Managua and Jinotega and in the armed forces. In the workshops police, soldiers, workers, and peasants learn how to write good poetry. The Venezuelan writer Jaque Maria Soto has written about these workshops, "The people have become masters of poetry in Nicaragua not because they read rare cheap editions but because they produce it."

A police officer wrote this poem:

From the Body

Looking through the window grilles
the sun is lost in my room
I see how the sun comes out
and its light shines between the leaves of the Guanabana tree.
On the floor figures are forced
a woman poses and sings on the branch of a Jacinto tree.
I think of this tree,
in Nicaragua.
The Salvadorans, the Guatemalans, the Peruvians
all of Latinamerica
will be free like this tree.

Folk art had been decaying during the long era of Somocismo. It was thought to be irreversibly lost. The revolution came to rescue it, and in a very short time in many parts of the country there appeared the ancient folk popular arts and also new art.

The hammock is the crib of the Nicaraguan. It has been woven tirelessly in virgin colors in the city of Nuevo ever since the war ended. It has been said that it is the best hammock in the world. In Matagalpa and Jinotega they make a very delicate black pottery, blackening the clay with sunburnt smoke. Only two families were producing it at the time of the triumph. A delicate work of filigree is the straw figure (guerd) that only one old woman knew how to make. This millinery folk art we have saved by giving her students, who have learned to create this intricate lacework of birds, butterflies, and flowers. In Masaya and Granada ancient wicker furniture has been revived. In the northern part of the country there is a mountain of a soft rock with varying streaks of color that the peasant population of the area converts into birds, fish, and the like of stones. We have sent our best sculptor to give this orientation and now San Juan de Limay is a sculptor's town. Much of what they produce isn't folk art but rather modern sculpture. In the Atlantic Coast where we have our gold mines, we have revived the golden tassel, a handicraft that had been lost. Also on the Caribbean coast they make new jewelry of tortoise shell, black coral, shark's vertebrae, and pearls. The Nisquira Indians work precious woods, turning them into figures that, like their dances, represent their work, fishing, hunting, and farming.

Our song has had a social use and an aesthetic value. During the war our great composer Carlos Mejia Godoy used the zurrón to put words teaching how to arm and disarm a Fal or Galil machine gun. The same happened in popular theater. Without worrying about the crisis in the concepts of action, time, and space which form a big part of contemporary theater, our peasants, workers, and students bring to the stage their daily life in social and psycho-



FATHER CARDENAL



logical conflicts. In film, Nicaragua began with the war, filming on all battle fronts. After, they began presenting all aspects of our new society in the form of documentaries.

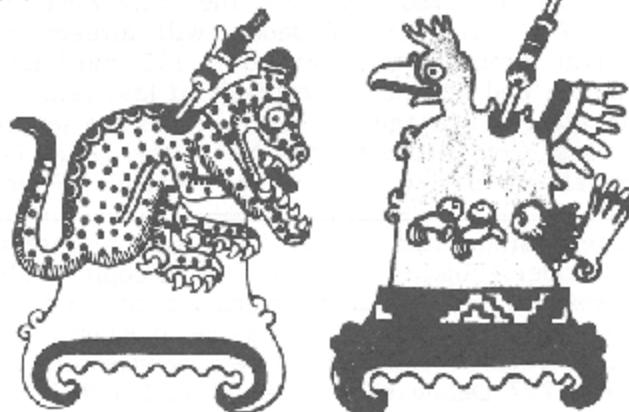
We are also beginning to change our relationship with nature. We've eliminated contraband in wild animals and indiscriminate deforestation. We're coming to learn a new intimacy with nature.

This is the culture that is now being threatened because our revolution is being threatened. If the Wall Street Journal says the United States has made a business of culture and their culture into a business, we could then say that our revolution is a culture and our culture is a revolution.

Not only has the peace of Nicaragua been threatened, but all of Central America and the Caribbean, and ultimately world peace. We can't allow that there be one less planet in our solar system, converted into nothing more than small asteroids. Or let's say a little ball, not this or pink as the astronauts have seen in outer space, without color as has been seen in the fields of Vietnam and now in certain parts of Central America.

The earth is round. That means that humanity as it continues to populate it more and more must come closer and closer together in order to the surface of this sphere, until humanity forms a new species, one great planetary organism.

I believe that the revolution is a triumph of love. Cardenal said, "Our cause will triumph because it is justice and it is love." Have I ended up talking like a priest? The Nicaraguan revolution installed a priest as minister of culture.



Brown-Eyed Children Of the Sun

Words and music by Sylvia Galan and Daniel Valdez
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Am Dm
Up to Ca-li-for-nia from Mex-i-co you-
Am E
— come To the Sa-cra-men-to val-ley to
E Am
toil in the sun Your wife and se-ven
Dm
chil-dren, they're work-ing ev-ery one And
Am E
what will you be giv-ing to your brown eyed
Am
chil-dren of the sun —

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Transcribed by Abby Newton

In 1968, Sylvia Galan was a high school student in Los Angeles, and a member of Teatro Chicano. Teatro Chicano was one of the first groups to develop in the urban areas of Southern California, using a combination of music, poetry and theater to carry the message of the Chicano cultural heritage. The theater movement grew out of the anti-war demonstrations and walkouts that swept Chicano communities in the late sixties and early seventies.

"Brown-Eyed Children of the Sun" is based on a poem written by Pedro Contreras. It was set to music by Sylvia Galan, performed by Teatro Chicano and arranged and recorded by Daniel Valdez of the Teatro Campesino on his album *Mestizo* (A & M Records, SP3622).

NEW SONG FESTIVAL

By the time you read this, the Third Festival of New Song (July 7-14) in Quito, Ecuador, will already be over. The festival brought together over 100 musicians from Latin America and beyond. One result of last year's festival, which took place in Managua, Nicaragua, was the setting up of a U.S. National Committee for the New Song, which helped publicize and raise money for the current festival. From the U.S., Los Peludos, Floyd Westerman, Sweet Honey in the Rock, Pete Seeger, Grupo Raiz, Holly Near and representatives of the Highlander Folklife Center, the People's Music Network, Roadworks, Taller Latinoamericano and La Pena will take part. Next year's festival may be in Argentina. If you would like to receive the committee's newsletter, write to Gisele Mills, 1727 Delaware St., Berkeley, CA 94703.



Photo by David Gahr

Up to California from Mexico you come
To the Sacramento Valley to toil in the
sun
Your wife and seven children, they're
working every one
And what will you be giving to your
brown-eyed children of the sun?

Your face is lined and wrinkled and your
age is forty-one
Your back is bent from picking, like
your dyin' time has come
Your children's eyes are smiling, their
lives have just begun
And what will you be giving to your
brown-eyed children of the sun?

You marched on Easter Sunday, to the
Capitol you come
You fought for union wages and your
fight has just begun
You're a proud man, you're a free man,
and this heritage is one
That you can give to your brown-eyed
children of the sun

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Rice and Beans



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C G Am
 Alle - san - dio has said he will run to the store and bring back to - better and
 EM C G F
 bear. In silence we wait for the sound of the deer, for the hour of
 E7 Dm G C
 curfew is near. On - side I can hear the rattle of guns and the
 Dm E7 Am
 rear of the trucks in the street. Our lullabye ends and the dark hour
 E7 Am
 comes and we whisper the small ones to sleep.

Alesandro has said he will run to the store
And bring back tobacco and beer;
In silence we wait for the sound of the door
For the hour of curfew is near.
Outside I can hear the rattle of guns
And the roar of trucks in the street;
Our lullaby ends, the dark hour comes,
And we whisper the small ones to sleep.

In the morning I seek out the neighbors around.
I ask them but nobody knows.
Did he stop for the right with a friend in the town?
The doors of our friends are all closed.
The serpent looks up at the sound of my name
And quickly his eyes turn away.
No need to answer, it's always the same:
"On the edge of the town", he will say.

Like a broken toy, he lies in the dirt
And greets me with unblinking eyes.
A blood red rose now blooms on his shirt
And he sleeps to the music of flies.
Lost in his silence, thoughtless I wait
For an angel of Christ to appear;
My heart is closed in the black hand of hate
And hatred has stolen my tears.

A bullet will open such a small wound
When our children are led to the wall
The price of life was the sun and the moon;
The price of his death was so small.
And where are the bullets to buy back the dreams
of children who never grow old?
Why have they traded our rice and our beans
For coffee more precious than gold?

I will return to the sergeant again,
In my manner no trace of surprise;
He will look up at the sound of my name
To discover his death in my eyes.
My brothers and sisters all flee to the wild
to nurture, to council, to learn,
And you who will feast on the blood of a child,
Sleep well until we return.

Music by Priscilla Herdmann
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photographed by Suzanne Phillips

The last issue of "Broadside" was very useful to me. It arrived shortly before I left for Tulsa and the Woody Guthrie Tribute. The tribute happened in the context of a much larger arts and crafts festival occupying the mall downtown. In the evening the singers took over the main stage for an evening show, surrounded by several thousand Tulsa citizens and 10 or 12 banks. I was able, thanks to "Broadside", to interlace my songs with remarks about Gordon F. and Sis Cunningham, and, at the finale, to tell them all about Ina Wood. Sort of bringing it back home.

Yours for the works,

Utah Phillips

MANY MANY THANKS TO ROBIN TICHO,
WITHOUT WHOM THIS ISSUE WOULD NOT
HAVE APPEARED.



The Artists Call Against U.S. Intervention in Central America began with a group of visual artists in New York City, including Village Voice art critic Lucy Lippard, working in alliance with the Institute for the Arts and Letters of El Salvador in Exile. In the past year it has not only won the support of almost all sectors of the art community, but, along with groups like the Bread and Puppet Theater, it has brought a kind of energy and expressiveness to demonstrations and other political events that hasn't been seen in years. The Artists Call's most recent project was an eight-day music festival in New York City in early June that touched almost every base—acoustic folk, new-wave rock, Brazilian jazz, avant-garde classical, salsa, P.D.Q. Bach and more. At the beginning of the festival, Artists Call issued the following statement:



We are starting down the Vietnam road again.

Thousands of U.S. troops are already on the ground in Honduras. The U.S. is escalating its intervention in El Salvador. In Nicaragua a "covert war," known to all the world to be sponsored and paid for by the U.S. government, is being waged illegally. In Guatemala a military dictatorship practiced in the genocide of its indigenous peoples is being embraced by the Reagan administration.

Thousands of visual artists, performers and cultural institutions in more than 30 cities across the U.S. and Canada have united their efforts through ARTISTS CALL. A series of successful cultural actions was held between January and April 1984 to protest the alarming political developments in Central America, raising both public consciousness and funds for cultural and humanitarian organizations in that region. It has been the largest outpouring of artists' energies around a single political theme in U.S. history.

The Music Festival is the second phase of the on-going ARTISTS CALL campaign. To make it the biggest possible success we need the support of everyone who shares our concern.

If we can witness the destruction of another culture without protest, we are sacrificing our own right to make culture.

ARTISTS CALL AGAINST U.S. INTERVENTION IN CENTRAL AMERICA

339 Lafayette Street, New York NY 10012

Boycott of Coca-Cola called here

"The pause that refreshes" is contaminated with the blood of Guatemalan workers. Don't drink Coca-Cola.

New York Mobilization for Survival is asking its members to support an international boycott of Coca-Cola which began on May 7.

The boycott was called by the Geneva-based International Union of Food Workers (IUF), with which the United Food and Commercial Workers Union in the U.S. is affiliated, to support a two month sit-down strike by workers at the Coen-Coin bottling plant in Guatemala City. The boycott has the support of labor, religious, human rights and solidarity groups worldwide.

The 460 workers at Embotelladoras Guatemaltecas began their occupation Feb. 18 in response to the threatened closing of the plant because of bankruptcy. Their action is remarkable because it takes place in a country with a terrifying record of human rights abuse, where union organizers risk kidnapping, torture and death.

Union leaders at the plant do not believe the bankruptcy story and have provided evidence of financial shenanigans, mismanagement and dishonesty by the plant's managers. The workers and their supporters believe the attempted closing masks a union-breaking tactic which would be followed by the reopening of the plant with non-union workers. If this were to happen, the workers would not only lose their jobs but could ex-



"THIS IS IT" FOR COCA-COLA: Striking workers from the Coca-Cola bottling plant in Guatemala City protest during the two-month sit-down strike called against poor working conditions and violent strike-breaking tactics. A worldwide boycott of Coca-Cola products has been called in response to the strike and Coca-Cola's support of its Latin American franchisees' practices.

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Courageous History

The fight to form a union at the Guatemalan plant has a long, grim and courageous history. The first attempt was

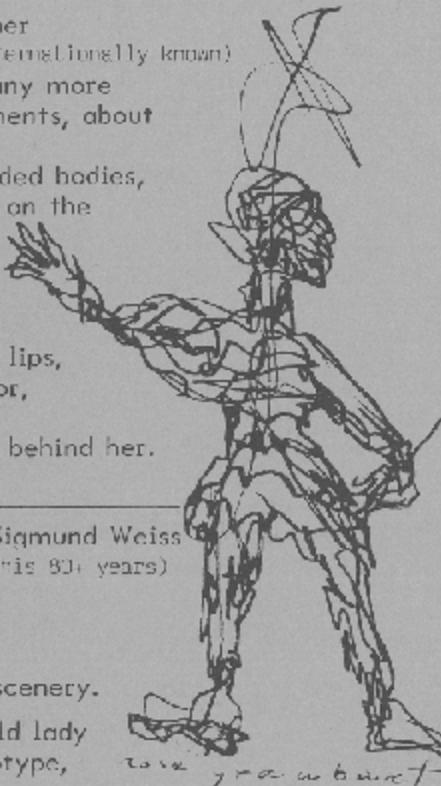
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DARK AND STILL by Aaron Kramer

(Dr. Kramer's protest songs and poems are internationally known)

For once let it be--no need to hear any more
 about the Premier's funeral arrangements, about
 his successor,
 about the search for additional exploded bodies,
 about the baby held hostage at a sill on the
 fourteenth floor;
 what you need is to lie dark and still
 ears ready for the quivering of walls
 at each coarse expletive of the wind
 macho through the forest's lungs and lips,
 eyes ready for the opening of the door,
 the play of light through blue gauze
 that instant before she shuts the day behind her.



AN OLD WOMAN'S PASSION by Sigmund Weiss

(Mr. Weiss has been a social activist for most of his 80+ years)

All things eye summer tenderly.
 Squirrels, rabbits & birds peer
 through grass & branches of trees at
 people moving in utter disregard of scenery.
 Sometimes, on warm calm days, an old lady
 looking like a portrait on a daguerreotype,
 with features ragged as her dress,
 sits alone on a park bench
 beseeching with callus hands &
 tidbits of bread,
 timid creatures of the park,
 while passers-by stop to watch.
 Her worn fingers nimply crumb the bread.
 Her eyes smile with delight
 as if she were part of a sun-ray
 warming an audience
 where plants, beasts & people live harmonious.
 But seasons change & cold days
 spread their silence through the park,
 as if it were a far-reaching desert
 swallowing the skies,
 like a door securely locked
 against an old woman's passion.

TO THE RECENT DEAD by Edwin Honig

(Dr. Honig is a professor at Brown University)

Now nobody dies.
 Everyone is saved.
 Death is wasted.
 We laugh at it
 Killing itself.
 Don't you wish
 You were back?

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ANSWERING BACK

(Palestinian poems in
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We say no, to the media which
 pills Jews against Blacks. Name
 callers who preach hate are
 never freedom fighters.

We say no, to Palestinians or
 anyone who subjugates their
 women or refuses to acknowledge
 another nation's right to live.
 We say no, to anyone who falls
 into the same old racist traps

which crowned illigitic king
 in stories headlined "Hymies"
 and "Niggers". No--
 there's too much work to do
 together to let a crazy few
 divide and sever our mutual
 desire to be completely free.

NEW MEXICO: 1980 by Joseph Bruchac

(Mr. Bruchac, an Abenaki Indian, is editor & author)

300 YEARS SINCE THE PUEBLO REVOLT
 the poster proclaimed
 in my friend's house

red sand and grey limestone
 woman shapes in the mesas
 which curve Acoma to Laguna
 wind songs against our skin
 At Newspaper Rock
 rabbit and ground squirrel
 hid like spirit talkers
 when the foreign voices
 came with videotapes and cameras
 Coyote called once
 not far away
 before we heard human words
 Sun headed dancers
 press hands against stone
 rays radiate out circle on circle
 as the arrow of dawn remembers

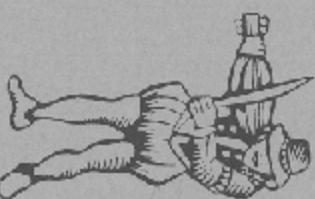
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the death of
 a distant star

In Wuvoki ruin
 they found the
 bones
 of every animal
 which walks
 this land--
 except Coyote

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