

Rivulets

Brick break broken bones
 razor scrape slash slit rip wrists
 "Gnash my skin"
 Tributaries etch my soul
 These I cannot feel
 The knife, the knife
 Eighth descent, the knife
 So swift, so sharp
 Existentialist fantasy
 Such a beautiful day
 Blood boils in the abattoir
 Crimson basks in ultra-violet
 Children's fingers burnt by parents heal
 So slowly, ever so slowly
 Death rings in my ears
 All this hatred
 Don't tell me to smile
 There's no reason left

No pleasure in the rain
 So acid-based
 The clouds so tainted
 No longer form my dreams
 Pull a brick from the chimney
 Who gets burnt?

Will you be my naiveté?
 The rose explodes
 Only a thorn to prick?
 Words force lives
 Old age
 Young opportunities

Lies are lies and truths are
 The truth is but a twisted lie
 "Ask me no questions
 and I'll tell you no lies"
 No need to think any more
 Laugh with not at

Guillotine the tongues
 Who crave propaganda's syrup
 From hearts so shallow
 Seeing only green
 "There's a price for your head"
 Let's march to our funeral
 And witness society's burial
 There's no apparent reason for this demise
 How can I propose to live
 When they do such a thing as this?
 Evil glint of power ignited
 Fumes of tablets dropped
Sonderbehandlung
 Corpses blaze in the kerosene
Leichenkommando
Streams

Andrew Duke

'Students will grow up some day'

WOLFFVILLE (CUP) — Twenty-eight students occupied one of Acadia University's main buildings recently to hold a 72-hour fast in support of the people of Nicaragua.

"Depriving your body of food for three days is a drastic step, but it does indicate how serious we are. It's not life-threatening in any way, but I think next year we'll do a dance-a-thon," said elementary school teacher Linda Sacouman.

The fast raised about \$2000 for Tools for Peace, a national group which sends medical and farming supplies to Nicaragua.

Sacouman said it's important students know what's going on internationally, and that's why the four-year-old chapter focuses its activities on campus.

"These students must understand that what's happening in the world affects them. I think these issues are people issues: they (students) will grow up some day.

"They'll buy a t-shirt, take a pamphlet, sit down and watch a video — then in the fall when we're collecting things, there's a good chance they'll throw in a pack of pencils," Sacouman adds.

The Wolfville chapter of Tools for Peace has collected \$15,000 worth of medical equipment and help buy roofing supplies, but usually concentrates on school supplies.

The American government's economic embargo has left Nicaraguans without access to everyday consumer products. Central American observers say the country's financial resources are being eaten up by the civil war.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan dispatched 3,000 soldiers to Honduras March 17. Reagan sent in the troops after Nicaraguan soldiers crossed the boundary between the two countries while pursuing American-backed Contra guerillas waging a civil war.

But Sacouman, who recently spent two weeks in Central American, defends the military's action.

"The line isn't painted. It's a jungle area. The Sandinistas have to get rid of the Contras to stop the war and get on with building the country."

Reagan is serving his last term as president, and Sacouman accuses him of grandstanding.

"It's his one big final thing — he has nothing to lose right now."

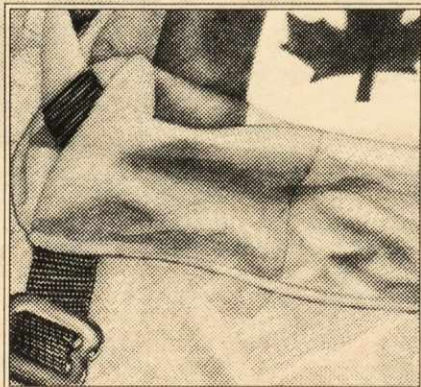
The Honduran government has allowed Contra rebels to locate camps along its borders at the insistence of the United States.

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