

Support voiced for peasants

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sive air war ever launched in the Western Hemisphere."
"As the silence continues here, the bombing gets louder in El Salvador."



JIM HARNEY

A Salvadoran peasant's eyes tell the story of the struggle for life in the Central American country.

Harney said, in his Boston Globe article, "On my 10th trip to this country in January, I could hear the Salvadoran Air Force bombing the Guazapa Volcano, a stronghold of the rebel opposition."
his travels to Washington D.C.
HARNEY SAID he was nearly killed when a 500-pound bomb exploded 100 feet from his tunnel hiding place in the volcano, which he calls "the most bombed area in the Western Hemisphere."

Seventy-five percent of the \$2.3 billion given to the El Salvadoran government since 1980 "goes for the war," Harney said, "and another 5 percent for politicization of the country. You can see where their priorities lie."

The daily pressure under which the Salvadoran peasants live is forcing some to leave their homes and become refugees in more urban areas. According to information from Witness for Peace, more than 750,000 refugees are crowded in poverty in the capital city of San Salvador and another 800,000 are estimated to have left the country.

Their "apocalypse-type" situation is also bringing them a new type of faith, Harney said. He compared their situation with that of the union

activist in the United States at the turn of the century.

"To be a Christian in El Salvador is dangerous," he said. "They used to look to the sky for their God, now they look around them."

One peasant woman told him, "This is the trail Christ said we had to walk."

The liberation theology being practiced in Central America is not being done in "an academic setting," Harney said. "It involves the kind of

love that empowers people to action."

The church took a look at the institutionalized violence and asked "why is it so many of our people are impoverished?" he said.

"For the first time, the church started to support those who are poor."

"Their lives have the tension that creates hope... but absolute terrorism," he added.

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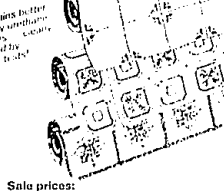


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