

# Group crusades against Latin America violence

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The United States and Soviet Union are like elephants among ants.

That's how the Rev. Samuel Hayes views the deadly tug-of-war between the U.S.-backed military and leftist guerrillas in El Salvador.

"A lot of people like our present policy and believe that it's a Russia versus the United States issue. But another way of looking at it is that when we both have power, it's like an elephant stepping."

"It can be a real earthquake for our neighbors."

The Southfield minister hopes a statewide organization, Michigan Interchurch Committee on Central American Human Rights (MICAH) will help to quell the violence in Latin America.

The pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, Rev. Hayes is among the 2,000 clergymen and church-goers who make-up the Detroit-based organization.

With a three-prong effort to educate Americans, aid poor Central Americans and pressure lawmakers, MICAH launched its protest against U.S. military involvement three years ago.

Members initially focused their efforts on Nicaragua, but realized that

"human rights" violations existed in El Salvador and Guatemala as well.

"We also wanted to focus our attention on church people because of the role of the church in South America in social change and justice," said Larry Cohen, MICAH co-director.

HE SAID THAT more than two dozen clergymen have been killed in Central America over the past few years.

This month the organization sparked a protest against the U.S. Immigration Service, which MICAH claims has turned away 35,000 Salvadoran refugees nationwide over the past three years.

"The government has declared them economic refugees rather than political refugees," Rev. Hayes said. "In many cases they are sent back home to their deaths."

Cohen estimates that the federal government deports 95 percent of Salvadorans seeking refuge in the United States.

"There are 200,000 to 500,000 Salvadorans in the United States. Only 50 have been granted asylum," Cohen noted. "The State Department claims it makes its (immigration) determination on a case-by-case basis, but statistics show there's an unspoken policy."

"If you're a refugee from a communist country, such as Poland, you're ac-

cepted with open arms. We're not against that."

But if you're from a country like El Salvador, Guatemala or Haiti, where the government is supporting the present regime, you're not accepted.

Cohen pointed out that the Immigration and Naturalization Service is part of the State Department, which gives aid to El Salvador.

"If it gave refugees asylum, (the INS) would be saying that the government is supporting a country that oppresses its people," Cohen said.

The organization plans to provide sanctuary for a family of illegal aliens through one of its member churches.

Cohen said the government hasn't prosecuted clergy involved in similar protests nationwide, although the penalty for harboring illegal aliens carries a \$2,000 fine and up to five years in prison.

SANCTUARY IS A touchy matter for many churches because parishioners disagree on El Salvador.

A pacifist, Hayes said members of

his church understand, but don't necessarily sanction, his activism in Central American issues.

"The more we continue to help out oppressive governments, the more we force the other side to seek aid from the Soviet Union or Cuba," Rev. Hayes said. "It has happened again and again around the world."

"I'm a pacifist, so I don't believe in violence on either side."

MICAH will sponsor a three-day fast and prayer vigil, beginning today at Marion High School, Birmingham, to protest government involvement in El Salvador and specifically Rep. William Brockmeier's, R-Birmingham, stance on El Salvador.

"We try to make people understand that many of our problems and those in Central America have the same cause, and that's military spending," Cohen said. "Those are our tax dollars being used to arm dictators. This isn't just a humanitarian cause, but there's self-interest involved."

## Management classes offered at Madonna

Business and management will be the focus of several seminars offered at Madonna College in Livonia, during the spring-summer term, in May and June.

The classes are offered through the continuing education office to meet learning needs of area adults.

Leon Pratinicki, director of the program, said the business courses will help persons interested in entering the business world, or those who are already involved.

People can register or obtain information by calling the Continuing Education office, 591-5049.

Courses being offered are:

- Human Behavior and Attitudes -

A concept of personal involvement in an effective approach to understanding, growth and self-realization.

• Women in Management - Discussion of techniques and ideas of management that relate specifically to women in an informal setting.

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The presentation will be in the architecture auditorium on the LIT campus, 21000 West 10 Mile Road.

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