

Recently, the Farabundo Martí Front for National Liberation (FLNM) and the FDR made a new proposal for peace in El Salvador. The Salvadoran government rejected this proposal, although President Duarte said that he had "high hopes" of finding political avenues to a negotiated solution.

Ungo, however, "For President Duarte the dialogue is a game of illusions which gives him and the armed forces the opportunity to continue their effort to secure a military solution for the situation of our country". He stated that for the people in power in El Salvador, dialogue is a tactical and not a strategic option and their objective is not really to find a peaceful solution, but to gain support and political space in which to make it possible to prolong the war.

For the FMLN/FDR, on the contrary, dialogue is a tactical and a strategic option: tactic, "because it allows them to gain political space, and strategic, because dialogue is the only national option in the present political process". He also said that in the short term, he has very little optimism, but in the medium and long term, he is highly optimistic.

"It is important to remember that since 1980, the FMLN/FDR decided to raise the objective of a negotiated political solution as its political constant. Today, other sectors are supporting this policy and they are pressing for a point where mutual interests can be met, for a basic program which might enable such a solution".

Several Salvadoran political sectors, consulted by INFORPEACE, said it is absolutely necessary to make the conflict more humane and to relieve the burden of non-combatant Salvadorans. The National Conciliation Party considers that the next elections have to bring about a consensus that requires the next government to find a peaceful solution. These up coming elections have to be evaluated as "a historic fact which may bring about a political solution and not a military one".

In this sense, Guillermo Ungo stated that the FMLN/FDR considers the establishment of a government made up of the nation's different political powers and based on the development of a successful joint program of action one of its possible objectives.

IRENE concert video will be seen at the New Music Seminar, July 12-15, in New York City. This outstanding seminar brings together close to six thousand representatives of the various areas of the music world, including international musicians, video producers, song writers, record producers, and mass media representatives among others, in order to analyse the latest developments in the field from diverse perspectives.

The University for Peace will be represented by the world famous rock singer, Peter Gabriel, who will be keynote speaker at the panel on "MUSIC FOR PEACE". The University will also have a booth for the demonstration of promotional materials and the computer network and data bank that is being implemented as one of the products of the University's Music for Peace Program.

The HURRICANE IRENE concert was named this way in order to evoke the traditions of the Greek Goddess of Peace, Irene, and to dispell the usual attitude of passivity that the utilization of the word peace generates, by harnessing the power of a hurricane, in representation of an aggressive and active commitment to work for peace. This historic concert, promoted by Peter Gabriel and Little Steven, brought together, for the first time in history, musicians from Africa, Asia, America, Europe and the Soviet Union, all for the benefit of the University for Peace.

-- U. PEACE GRANTED INTERNATIONAL PEACE PRIZE. The Italian Commission on "Insieme per la Pace" awarded the University for Peace the International Peace Prize for 1987 in recognition of the University's efforts in education and its search for peace. The prize was received at the headquarters of the International Red Cross Museum in Rome. The money awarded will form part of a scholarship fund for the Master's program's students at the University.

-- SYMPOSIUM/COURSE ON FAMILY LIFE AND EDUCATION FOR PEACE HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY FROM JUNE 29 THROUGH JULY 10. This Seminar/Course, which was organized with the University of San Diego, California, was intended for students seeking knowledge, attitudes and skills for their own marriages and parenting, for family professionals and for family-science students learning to help families develop individual peace promoting qualities. There has been a large student participation.

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