

THE MAYAN INDIAN NATIONS AND
THEIR STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION

*The liberation of the Mayan Indian Nations will be achieved by the Indian Nations themselves.

*The liberation of the MAYAN INDIAN NATIONS is based on INDIAN PHILOSOPHY, IDEOLOGY and SPIRITUAL VALUES.

*The liberation of the MAYAN INDIAN NATIONS will represent the liberation of other Guatemalan people who are suffering the repression, exploitation and social injustice of this present NEO-COLONIAL SYSTEM.

*Liberation of the MAYAN INDIAN NATIONS represents the PROTECTION OF MOTHER EARTH and the survival of HUMAN KIND.



URGENT NEED FOR SUPPORT

*More than 1 million Guatemalan Mayan Indian people have been displaced from their homes and are internal refugees.

*More than 250,000 Mayan Indian people have fled to southern Mexico and are living in refugee camps.

*Because of the repression directed against the Mayan Indian People there are thousands and thousands of orphans and widows.

*The Mayan Indian People require food and medicine in order to survive.

*The Mayan Indian People need to purchase or rent land in order to grow food for survival.

*Money raised will be channeled directly to the Mayan Indian People.

HOW CAN YOU HELP THE MAYAN INDIAN PEOPLE?

1. Read our statements.
2. Make a donation to the Commission.
3. Make available your time, talents and energy to the Commission.

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Commission on the Guatemalan
Mayan Indians.

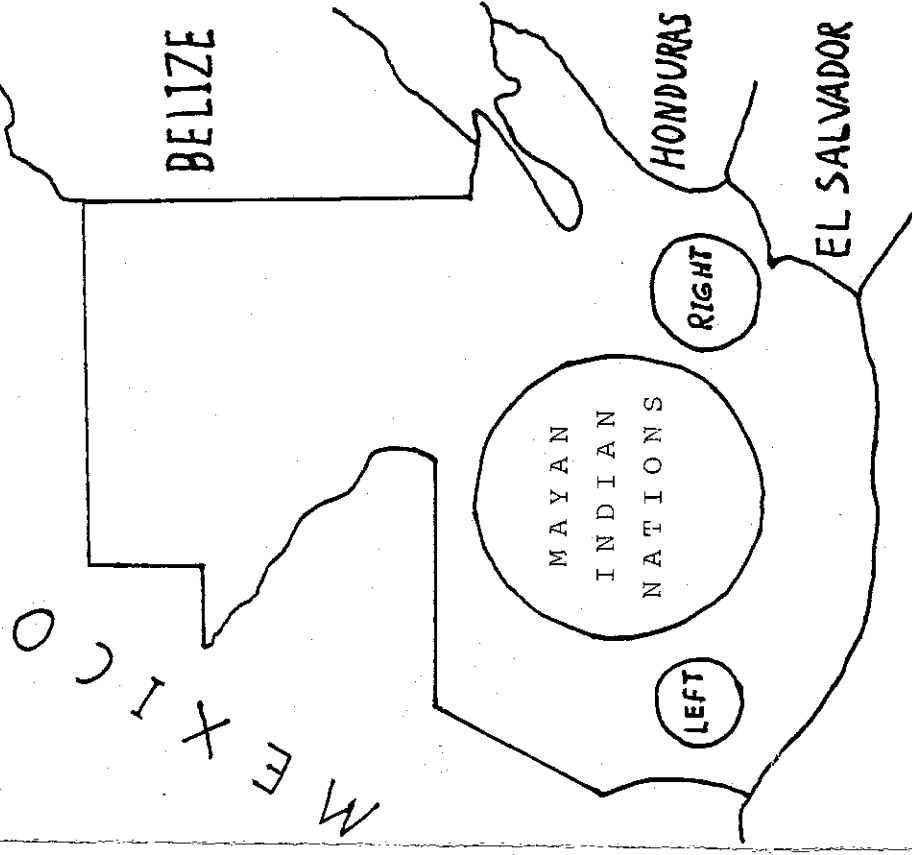
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GUATEMALA

THE MAYAN INDIAN NATIONS

BETWEEN

THE LEFT AND THE RIGHT



MARXISTS = LEFT

-Came into existence and started opposing the right-wing government and the army since 1954.

-Revolutionary organizations led by non-Indian people (Latinos) who view the struggle in terms of a class struggle (poor against the rich).

-They have promoted the guerilla movement in the countryside among the Mayan Indian people in order to take control of the political power.

-Their Philosophy and Ideology are foreign and therefore do not fulfill the interests and rights of the MAYAN INDIAN NATIONS.

-Often they underestimate the capacity of Indian people, even holding in disdain the Indian philosophy totally, and often use the Indian people as "cannon-fodder" for their own purposes.

They maintain the Mayan Indian People are not different from the non-Indian People (Latinos); therefore, Indians and non-Indians are all Guatemalans.

With their revolutionary victory, the leftists will work still harder to assimilate the Indian people into their "class-less" society.

Marxist liberation is based on the "liberation of the poor through the domination of MOTHER EARTH through the industrial machinery" and denies all spirituality.

MAYAN INDIAN PEOPLE

*Are the First Nations of Guatemala.

*Are the members of the Mayan Indian Nations who have preserved their traditions, cultures, languages and social, economic and political organization in order to live in HARMONY with MOTHER EARTH and with RESPECT for all human beings, according to the INDIAN PHILOSOPHY and IDEOLOGY.

*Since 1521 have been struggling for their LANDS which have been taken away, struggling against the invasion, exploitation, domination and colonization by foreigners.

*Are the vast majority of the population (80%) who do not have enough lands on which to survive and who are being used by the rich landowners as a cheap labour force in the coffee, cotton and other export crop growing.

*Are the poorest of the poor.

*Are the vast majority of the population, yet never have had any participation in the government.

*Are the target of the most inhumane repression by the government and the target of government assimilation policies (genocide and ethnocide).

*Are being displaced from their land in drastic numbers, with more than a million Mayans internally fleeing persecution and over a hundred thousand fleeing for refuge in Mexico.

*Are living under military control in their own land, and are forced to live in "Model Villages," which are concentration camps under military control.

*ARE CAUGHT BETWEEN THE MARXIST REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATIONS AND THE CAPITALIST RIGHT.

CAPITALISM = RIGHT

-It is 3% of the population (non-Indian descendants of the Spanish invaders, new European arrivals, top military officers (Generals and Colonels) and multinational corporations, foreigners to Mayan Indian Nations' territory.

-This handful of people keeps COLONIZED the vast majority of the population and regards the Indian people as the cause of "underdevelopment."

-It is this minority who has taken away 72% of the best lands and is still taking lands from Indian communities.

-It is this handful of people who control the government, political parties and the economy of the country.

-This minority, through the government, army, death squads and the para-military forces, is responsible for the HIDDEN INDIAN HOLOCAUST.

-Through government policies, the army has institutionalized terror in the country and is keeping Indian communities under military control through Civil Patrols and MODEL VILLAGES.

-This small group of rich people gets richer with international aid intended for development.

-This 3% of the population is the agent of CAPITALIST PHILOSOPHY and IDEOLOGY. Its goal is to DESTROY MOTHER EARTH and to EXPLOIT INDIAN LABOUR FOR ITS OWN PROFIT AND GREED.