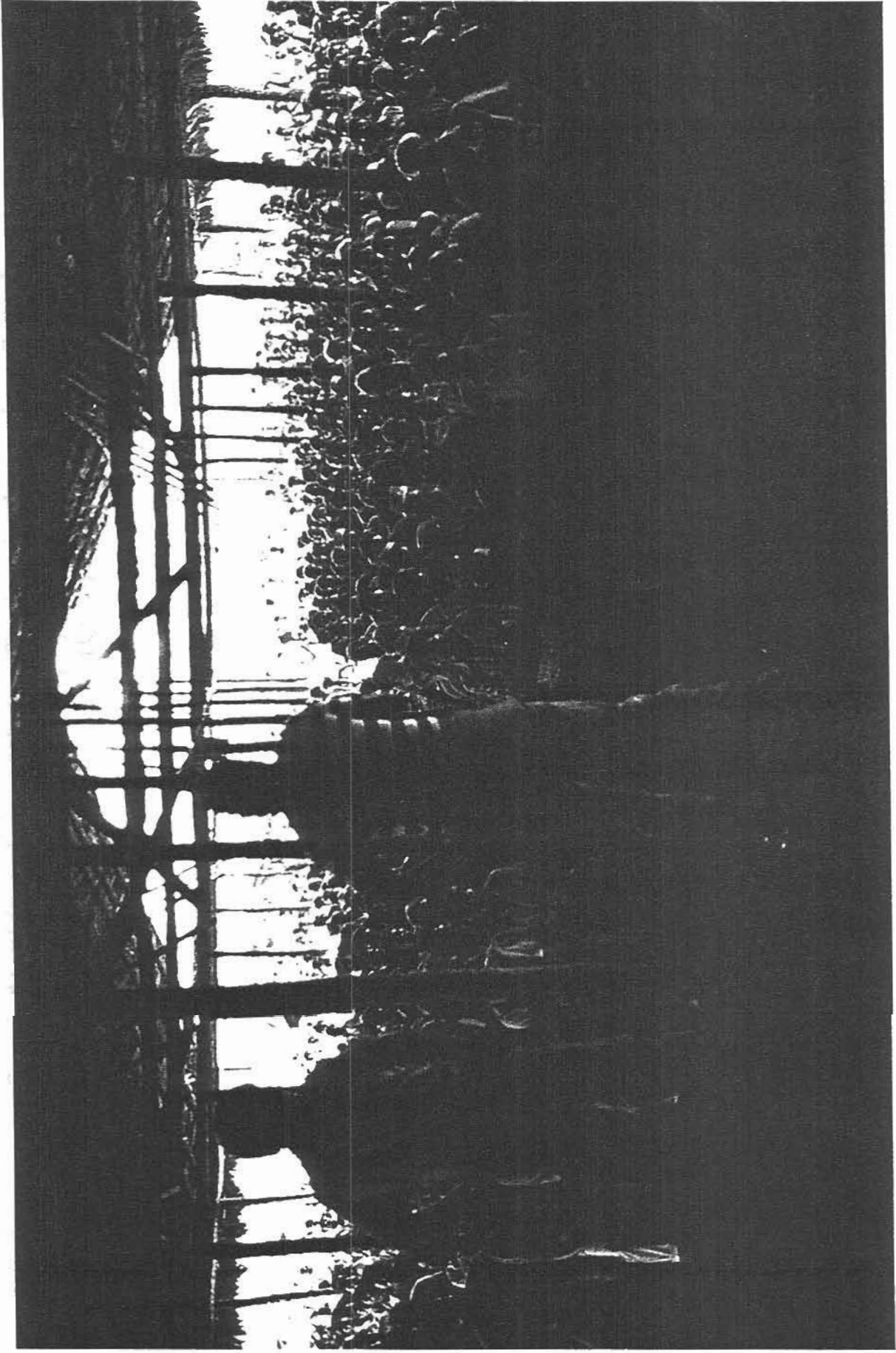
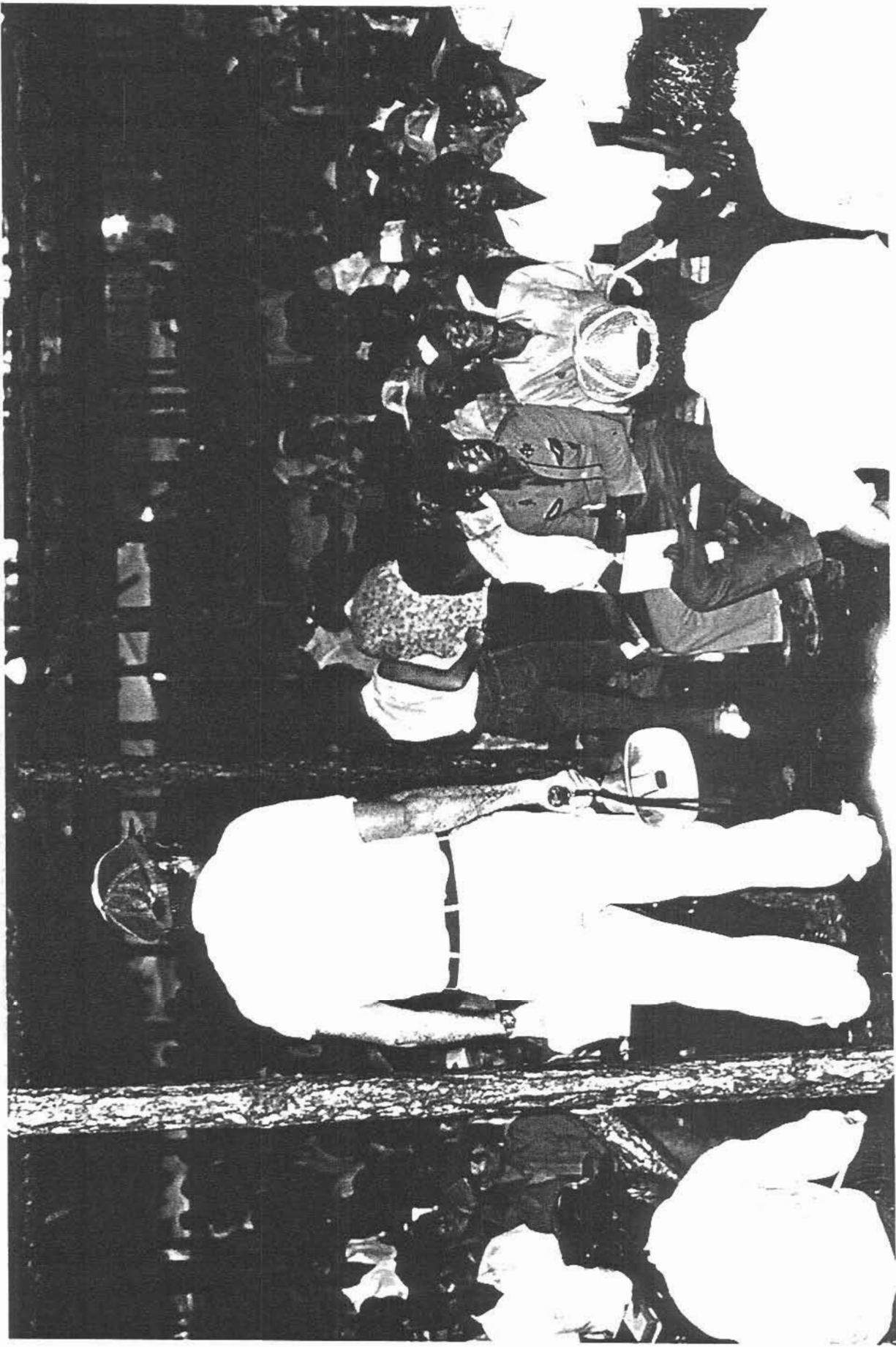


Steadman Fagoth speaks to the Third General Assembly at Rus Rus, June, 1987. At his left is Armstrong Wiggins who alternated with Modesto Watson as translator in three languages. Photo by Bernard Nietschmann. [Chap. 10]

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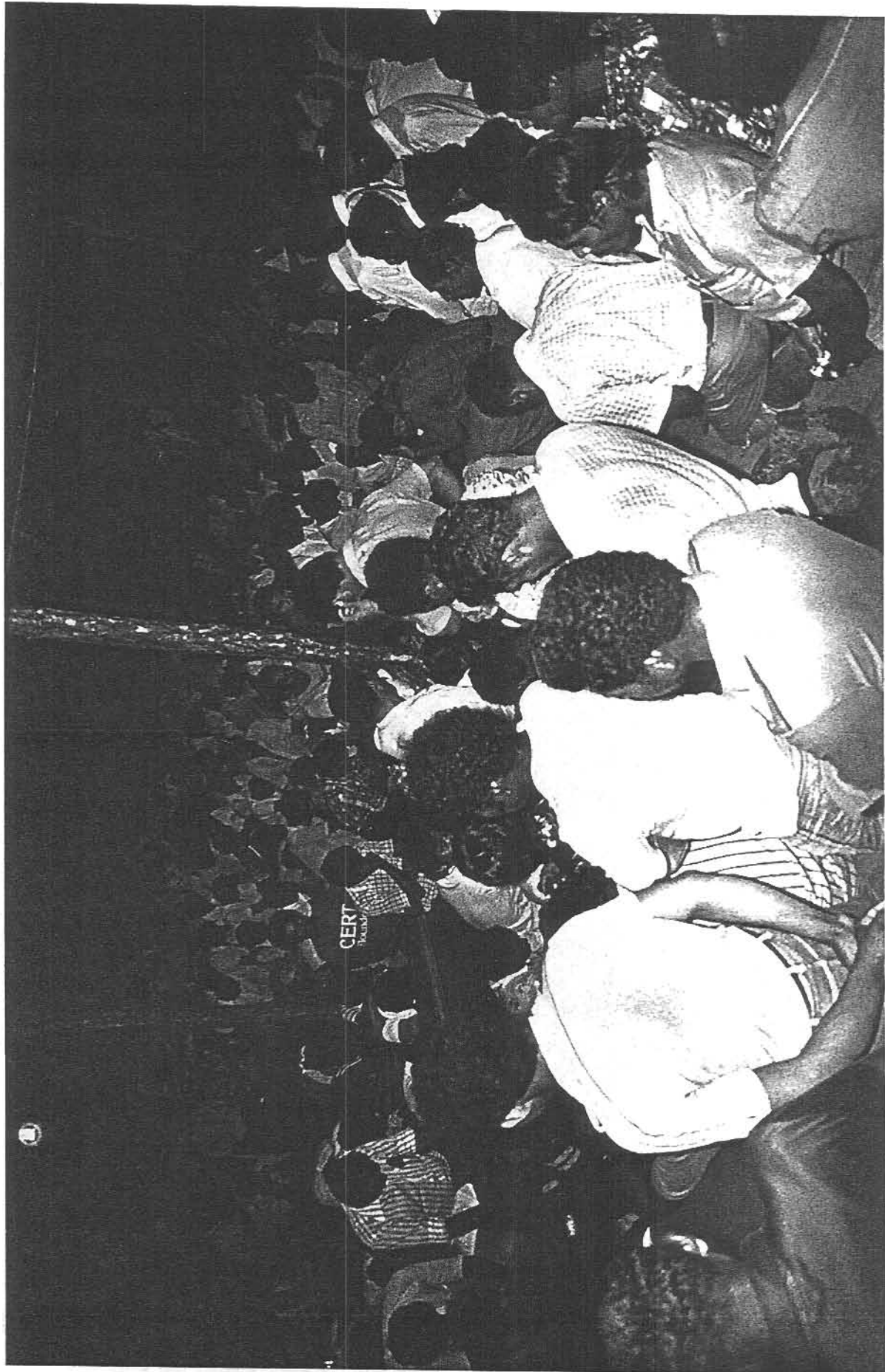
Begging him not to say any more, Steadman Fagoth's mother is led away at the Third General Assembly. Fagoth answered to and accepted some of accusations of human rights violations (papers in left hand) he ordered or condoned during his command of Misura. These, he said, were directed not at innocent civilians, but at people who were informers and agents of the Sandinistas. The Assembly accepted his explanations and apology. Rus Rus, June, 1987. Photo by Bernard Nietschmann. [Chap. 10]



Delegates to the Third General Assembly came from refugee camps, communities inside occupied Yapti Tasba, and from the three resistance organizations: Misurasata, Misura and Kisan. Rus Rus, June, 1987. Photo by Bernard Nietschmann. [Chap. 10].

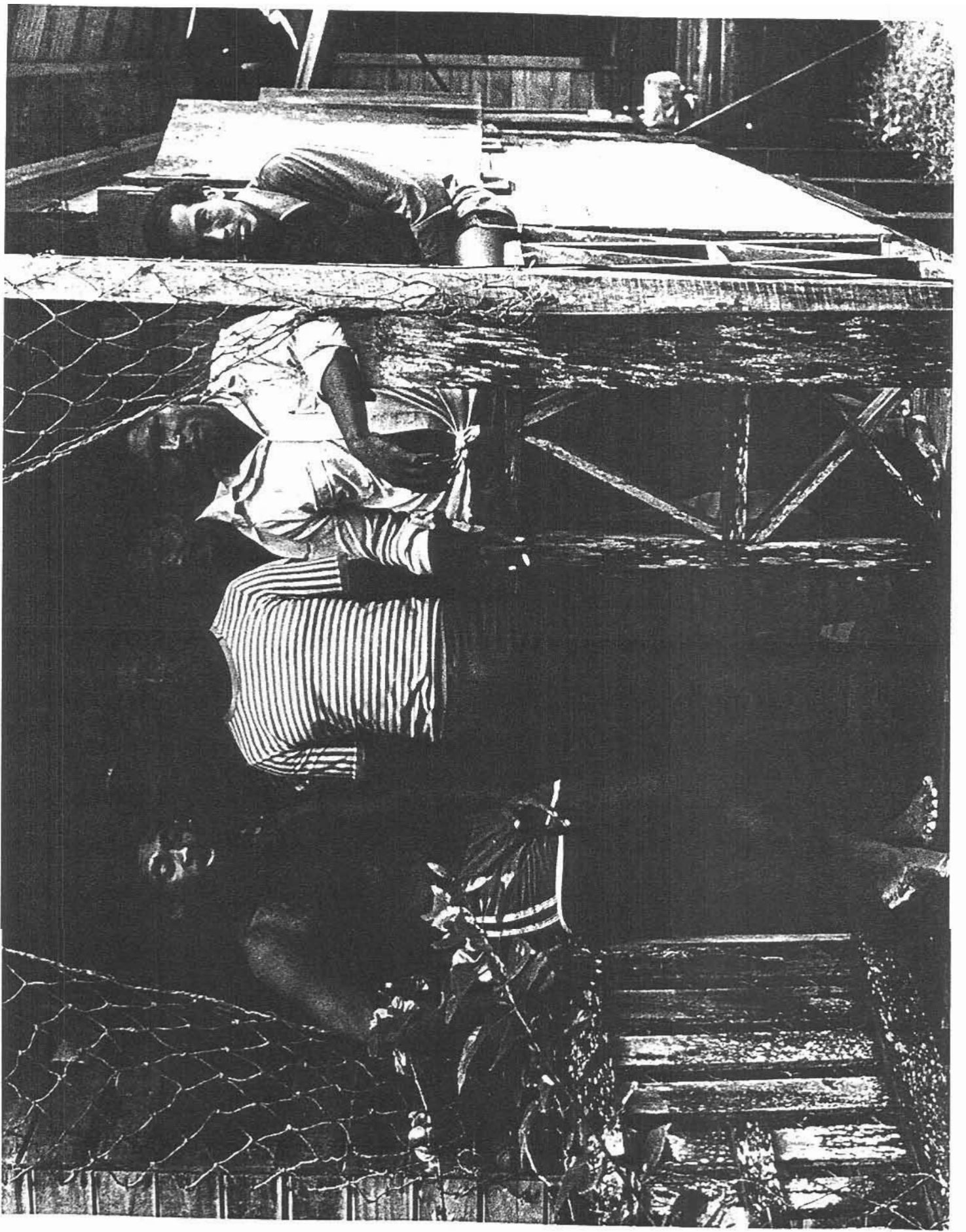


To break an impasse between the three competing leaders, the 2000 delegates to the Third General Assembly pray for one hour. Immediately afterwards, the factions united to form Yatama. June, 1987. Photo by Bernard Nietschmann. [Chap. 10]

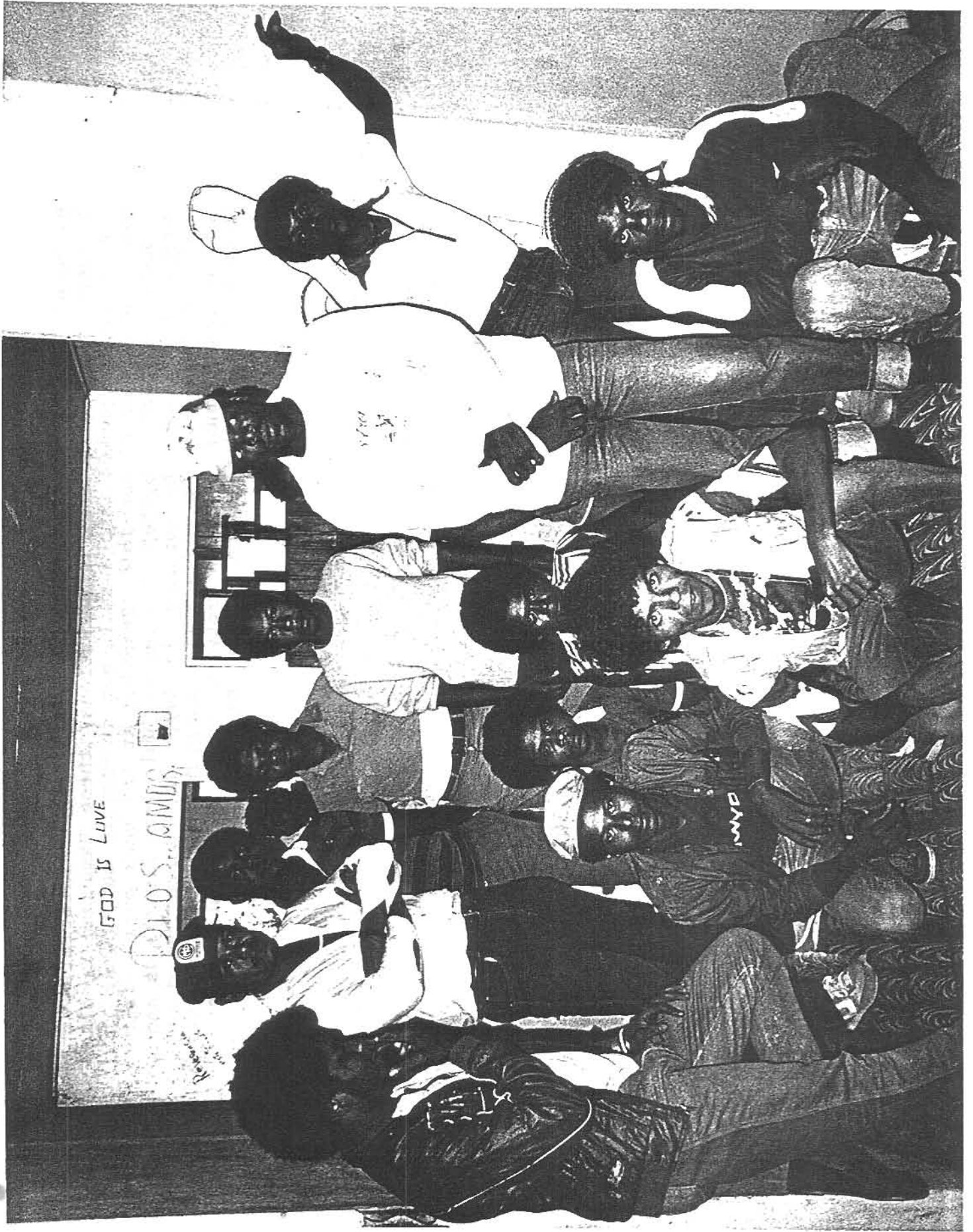


Community meeting in a village in the mountains of Guatemala.

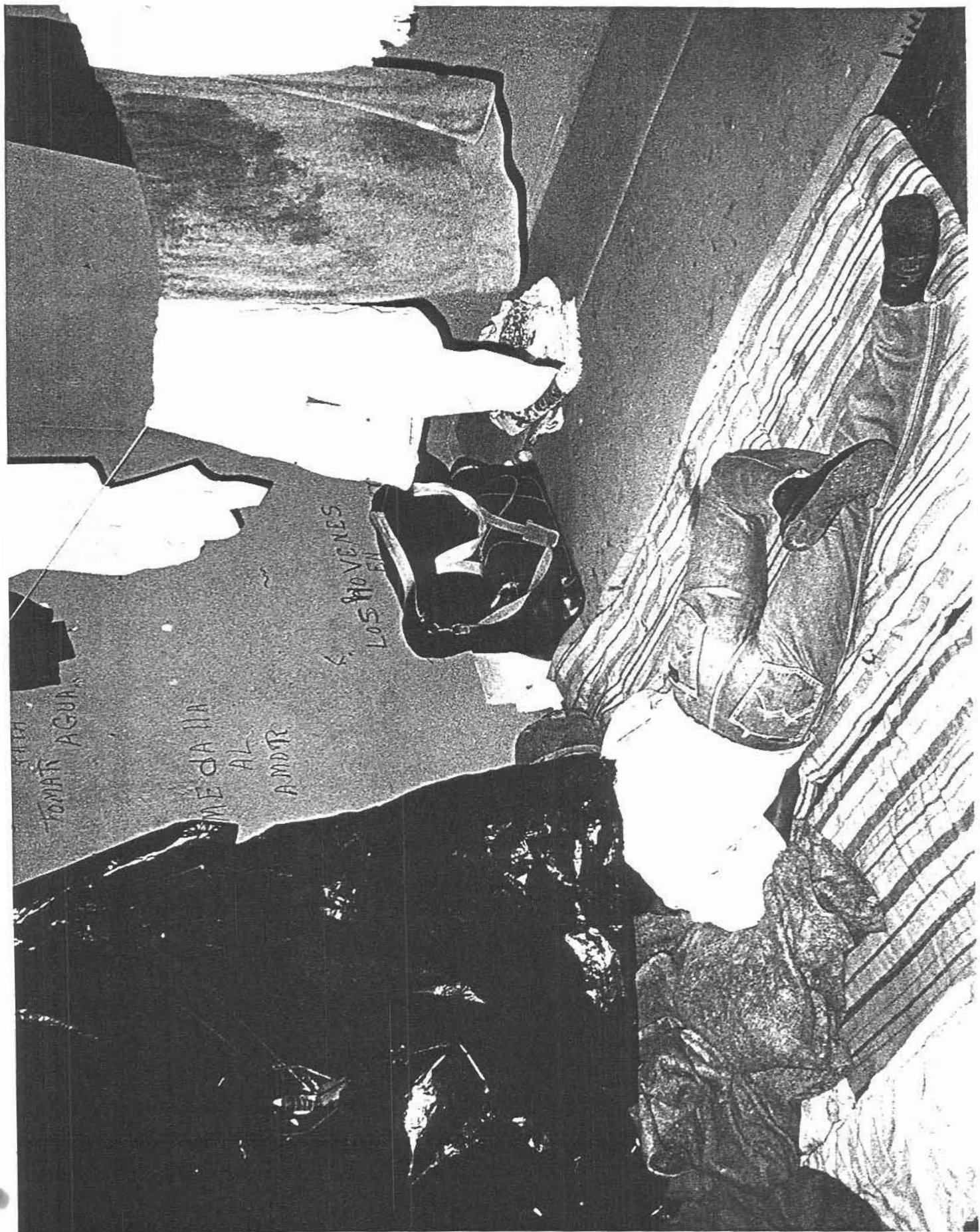
The meeting hall for the Third General Assembly. Using local materials, Yapti Tasba took only two weeks to construct the meeting hall, benches, kitchens, outhouses, sleeping quarters to accommodate the 2000 delegates. Rus Rus, June, 1987. Photo by Bernard Nietschmann. [Chap. 10]



A Creole resistance group, secretly housed near Limón. Almost all of the people shown had training and combat experience with ARDE but left to fight for Creole interests in the coast's struggle for autonomy. 1983. Photo by Bernard Nietschmann. [Chap. 10]



Buffeted by competing Nicaraguan-Yapti Tasba interests in Southern Front resistance organizations, these Rama and Creole combatants are packed into a small and inadequate safe house in the Pavas suburb of San José. Standing at the back on the left is Rama commander "Coyote" who led his unit into Bluefields and overran the Sandinista garrison in May, 1985. Frustrated by months of inactivity, deceit and lies about military supplies, he and his men planned to return empty handed to Yapti Tasba. 1986. Photo by Bernard Nietschmann. [Chap 10]



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Squalid living conditions are common place for wounded and recuperating fighters in safe houses in San José -- pictured here, and Tegucigalpa. 1986. Photo by Bernard Nietschmann. [Chap. 10]