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Photo by Richard J. Brown

## Mural Depicts Quest for Freedom and Justice

On Friday, August 7, 1987, a structural mural on Central America wa dedicated at Centro Cultural in Cornelius. The mural is titled "We are al canos, Cnicanos/Mexicanos Against U.S. Aggression) in Central America a program of the American Friends Service Committee.
This portable mural, created by Leopoldo Tanguma, represents Latino perspective on U.S. policy in Central America. At the same time the mural draws a link between the problems faced by U.S. Latinos and the struggle to end apartheid in South Africa.

The structure, standing $81 / 2$ feet high by 22 feet, resembles the Quetzal bird, a bird native from Southern Mexico to Panama that will not live in cap
tivity, thereby symbolizing Central America's quest for freedom and justice. tivity, thereby symbolizing Central America's quest for freedom and justice.
On one side, at the base of the bird, are eight crosses of various sizes arranged as in a graveyard.
On the central cross is the figure of a 3 -year-old girl who was tortured by the military forces in Guatemala. Among the figures torturing the little girl, is Uncle Sam, a Central American general, and soldiers. This cross represents the to

This side of the mural is based on the suffering and struggle of the
Tesporsle. people of Central America trying to determine their own destiny. It also An the current struggles elsewhere have to be viewe


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Along these lines, Nelson Mandela is portrayed in one of the crosses He was incorporated in the mural out of a recognition to oppose apartheid as well as the fact that there are Afro-Central Americans in Central America. There is a need in our communities to become aware of this aspect and South Africa who are struggling for a just cause
Also, in this side, we find a portrait of Santos Rodriguez, a twelve-year-old that was killed by Dallas police. And next to him, the picture of
Ben Linder from Portland who was killed in Nicaragua by U. S. sponsored Ben Linder from Portland who was killed in Nicaragua by U.S. sponsored
Contras. Another cross carries the image of Archbishop Oscar Romero, Contras. Another cross carries the image of Arcalishor in 1980 .
assassinated by government military forces in El Salvador The opposite side of the mural represents building a new society in Central America based on social justice and love. A Central American couple is portrayed holding their daughter overta
Central American flag. Behind the couple are such noted figures as Martin Luther King Jr., Mexican Revolutionary Emiliano Zapata, Jean Donovan
who was killed in El Salvador by the National Guard, Sitting Bull, Che Guewho was killed in El Salvador by the National Guard, Sitting Bull, Che Guevara and others.
The mural is expected to be displayed throughout Oregon and Washington. Anyone interested in suggesting locations can contact $230-9427$. Contributions to the mural may be sent to AFSC-LA CAUSA, 2249 E. Burn

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