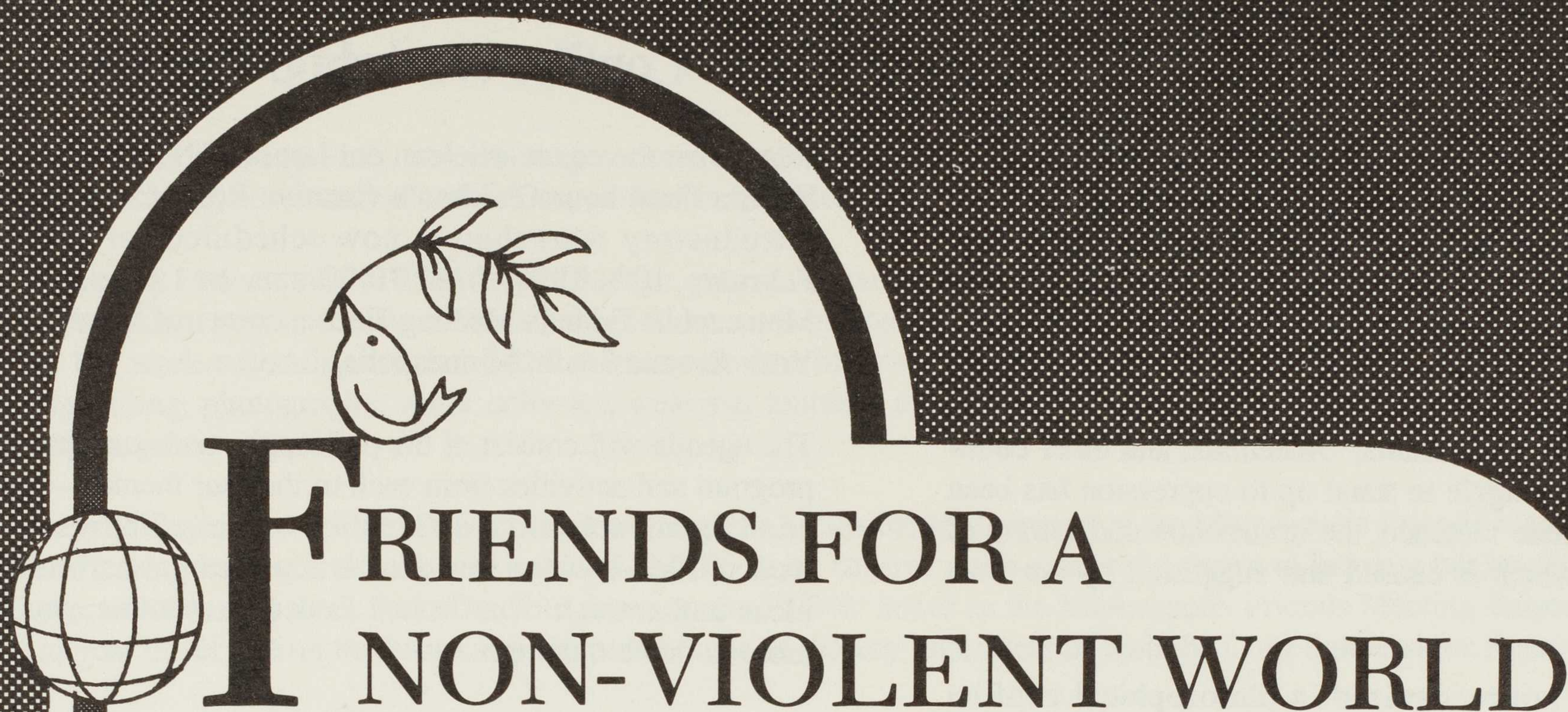




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“When I Was Thinking of What Action to Take, I Thought of (FNVW) People Camp.”

René Hurtado 12/1/89

On November 23rd René Hurtado with seven others began a water-only fast to protest the violence, killing and destruction in El Salvador. Their action was a call for all of us to stand up and demand an end to the violence and military aid the U.S. was sending to El Salvador. René, one of the Hunger Strike leaders, is well known to us through his many years of participation in FNVW People Camp. On December 1st, 1989, we asked D. Perry Kidder, a member of the FNVW board, to do an in-depth interview with René about his action for this newsletter (#33). Because of the length and the moving power of this interview the editors decided not to shorten the article, but to do a special insert that can be distributed as a handout. Please turn to the center insert for René's story. —John Martinson

René Hurtado Needs Your Help!

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) is taking action to revoke the legal status granted to René Hurtado under the amnesty program. We find it more than coincidental that the INS is taking this action at this time!

The INS has stipulated that René is a credible person and has a well-founded fear of prosecution should he be returned to El Salvador. Even so, the INS is taking steps to deport him!

Please wire or write United States Attorney General Richard
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One Small Step Brings Hope to Lawaaikamp

Editor's note: The following is a press release from the office of the then Mayor of St. Paul, George Latimer, dated December 1st, 1989. FNVW has been working with the St. Paul/Lawaaikamp Sister Community Support Committee since its beginning—helping in the campaign planning, building and implementation, acting briefly as its fiscal agent, speaking and serving on the executive and support committees. We are pleased to share with our readers this significant step in this “people to people” effort to help overcome the evils of apartheid.

St. Paul and Lawaaikamp Strike a Blow Against Apartheid

At a press conference held on December 1st, 1989, Mayor George Latimer and Council member Bill Wilson announced that St. Paul played a strategic role in helping the community of Lawaaikamp win major concessions from the South African government.

They reported that in a statement released by Mr. Hennie Smit, South African parliamentary member from the city of George, the central government of South Africa agreed to provide an interest free loan to George to upgrade the living conditions in Lawaaikamp and to declare the township a Free Settlement Area.

These actions meet the demands of the residents of Lawaaikamp who have been struggling for the past four years to stay in their
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