

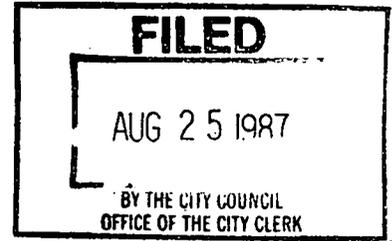
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Sacramento City Council
August 25, 1987
Preston Rudy of the Central America Action Committee

Request for Resolution Opposing
Contra Fundraising in Sacramento



I come before you tonight to inform you of an upcoming local event and to request that you take action opposing that event.

On September 10, a group calling itself the Nicarao Relief Fund is sponsoring the appearance of all the major Contra leaders in a \$200 per plate fundraiser at the Sacramento Community Center. The honorary co-hosts for the evening are State Senator John Doolittle and Assemblymember Patrick Nolan. Aspects of this fundraiser are being arranged by staff members in the State Assembly Republican Caucus office.

The Central America Action Committee, while supporting the concept of free speech, opposes this fundraiser for several reasons. ① The timing of a Contra fundraiser now, while a Central American peace plan is on the table, jeopardizes the status of the peace initiative. ② The Contras are a U.S.-funded military force whose atrocities--including indiscriminant and targetted killings of civilians, bombings of clinics, schools, and agricultural cooperatives, raping women and other forms of terrorizing the population--are well documented. ③ The Contras and U.S. operations against Nicaragua have been condemned by the World Court. ④ As Lt. Col. Oliver North has testified, the distinction between humanitarian and lethal aid is blurred, and even mocked by suppliers of aid. What this fundraiser represents, then, is a solicitation of military aid being conducted in our Community Center.

We ask that you consider a resolution prohibiting or condemning the use of City facilities for such an undertaking, and that this item be placed on your agenda for the September 1 Council meeting.

For more information, please call the Central America Action Committee, 447-2424.

*Some Friends of Lt. Col. Oliver North
and the*

NICARAO RELIEF FUND

*Cordially invite you to attend
a dinner and reception for the benefit of
The Nicarao Relief Fund, Inc.*

Guests of Honor:

Directors of the Nicaraguan Democratic Resistance

<i>Adolfo Calero</i>	<i>Alfredo Cesar</i>
<i>Alfonso Robelo</i>	<i>Aristides Sanchez</i>
<i>Pedro J. Chamorro</i>	<i>Azucena Ferry</i>
<i>Enriques Bermudez, Commander</i>	

Honorary Co-hosts:

<i>Senator John T. Doolittle</i>	<i>Assemblyman Patrick J. Nolan</i>
<i>Republican Caucus Chairman</i>	<i>Minority Leader</i>

*Thursday, September 10th
6:30-7:30 p.m. — No host cocktails
7:30 p.m. — Dinner
at the
Sacramento Community Center
1100 14th Street
Sacramento, California*

*Dinner tickets in advance \$50
at the door \$60
reception and dinner tickets
\$200*

*R.S.V.P. before September 8th
while seating is still available
Phone: (916) 441-6498 or (916) 961-6718*

The Nicarao Relief Fund, Inc. is a California, non-profit, tax-deductible (501(C)(3)) humanitarian organization providing relief services and medical assistance to Nicaraguan refugees and members of the Nicaraguan resistance.

The Nicarao Relief Fund already has received a complete field hospital from a generous donor. Additional funds are needed to transport, operate and sustain this hospital in Central America. The reception and dinner of September 10th will provide attendees with updates on events in Nicaragua as well as information on this medical project.

3 children, woman die in failed Contra raid on town

New York Times

SAN JOSE DE BOCAY Nicaragua, — United States backed Nicaraguan guerrillas killed nine Sandinista soldiers, three children and a pregnant woman but failed to capture their target here Thursday.

It was their first major attack since the Iran-Contra hearings in Washington focused American attention on their movement.

A local Sandinista official, Sergio Saenz, said Friday that the bodies of 21 rebels had been found nearby. Four were on display along the road.

On Thursday, spokesmen for the Contras portrayed the attack on San Jose de Bocay,

160 miles from the capital over rugged roads, as a significant military victory.

But there was no evidence of damage to either the town's dirt airstrip or the small collection of shacks that serves as local headquarters for the Nicaraguan army.

"I understand what war is, but it is unjust to kill civilians like this," said Jose Domingo Martinez Vivas between muffled sobs. His wife and their 3-year-old son were among the victims. Martinez and other residents said the attackers had burned more than a dozen homes and made off with cattle and other property.

Residents said that at 4:30 a.m. Thursday, perhaps 100 Contras stormed the town, fir-

ing mortars and automatic weapons from nearby hillsides. By these accounts, gunfire echoed until nearly noon and the rebels, who have never managed to seize and hold a town, reached the edge of San Jose de Bocay, but advanced no further.

The three dead children ranged in age from 3 years to 13. The woman, 18, was in the fifth month of her third pregnancy, her husband said.

At a makeshift field hospital, Dr. Miguel Garcia said he was attending about 30 people, 18 of them civilians, who had been wounded. Among them was Maria Cecilia Novoa Fonseca, a 12-year-old girl with shrapnel lodged in her throat.

The raid took on significance because Contra leaders quickly claimed it as a triumph, and because it occurred as congressional hearings into the Iran-Contra affair were reaching millions of television viewers in the United States.

Soon after the fighting stopped in San Jose de Bocay Thursday, a spokesman for the Contras, Bosco Matamoros, said the attack had been "the most important military action we have carried out in the northern part of the country."

Speaking by telephone from Honduras, Matamoros said his information was that Contras had destroyed military installations, including the airstrip.

On Friday, the bodies of the victims of the fight were awaiting burial, the coffins laid out side by side in a cavernous warehouse normally used to store sacks of corn.

"A bunch of Contras just shot machine guns into my house as they ran by," said Adolfo Novoa as he described the death of his daughter, Maria, 13. "My little girl was hit and died right away." ✓

A mile beyond the hovels that constitute the center of San Jose de Bocay, disoriented members of a government-run grain cooperative stood outside shaking their heads, oblivious to sheets of rain. Of the 50 houses they had occupied, only a few were left habitable.