

TO THE STUDENTS AND STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON:

The present United States Administration has gone to war against the people and government of Nicaragua.

It is an undeclared war, unauthorized by Congress and therefore, unconstitutional. It is a covert war. The American People have not authorized the use of public funds for a war waged in the name of supposed intelligence operations.

It is an irrational war. It renounces diplomatic negotiations without giving them a serious try.

It is a reactionary war. The United States created and then supported the corrupt Somoza Dictatorship for more than 40 years. Now it cannot tolerate an independent government in Nicaragua. It has armed the former guardsmen of the Somoza Regime against the people of Nicaragua.

It is an inhuman war. It is destroying the modest but profound achievements of the Nicaraguan Revolution. It is destroying the crops and schools of Nicaragua. It is killing the children and the peasants of Nicaragua.

It is a dangerous war. It wrenches the problems of Nicaragua and Central America out of their peculiar cultural and historical contexts and thrusts them onto the stage of East

West conflict. This distortion can internationalize the war and destroy opportunities for diplomacy, democracy and social advancements in the region.

It is a treacherous war. It is the fourth time this century that the United States has invented pretexts to invade Nicaragua. This time, it is doing so by mercenary means, pitting brothers against brothers and countries against countries. It is an immoral war. Once again, a superpower declares itself menaced by the independence of a small nation and attempts its submission by intimidation or its destruction by force.

We fear that the United States Government is attempting to implement policy by "accomplished fact" in Nicaragua, leaving no room for debate or opposition.

We are also confident that the people of the United States, their public opinion and their democratic institutions will speak out against this undeclared, covert, irrational, inhuman, dangerous and immoral adventure undertaken by the Reagan Administration.

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