

Today's decisions affect quality of our future generations

by Nathaniel Scott

This is a story about concern; environmental concern. And I beg your indulgence; I ask that you reflect upon a series of questions — environmental questions — from not that long ago.

What was Acid Rain; its cause and effect; and what could we have done about it?

El Nino was what: a phenomenon predestined to happen, or was it a man-made disaster, and could its world-wide devastation have been reversed?

The drought in Africa; the one that is the spawning ground for 27 diseases, is it the results of man's precarious upsetting of the "bal-

ance of nature", a disaster emanating from nuclear explosions; the jettison of rockets propelling men to the moon, and beyond, and can it be the after effects of man's search for knowledge; and the complete disregards for adverse consequences?

Are oil spills destroying the seas natural resources?

And finally, are the pesticides produced, used and sold, turning cities and towns, world wide, into cesspools squirming with disease?

The Global Tomorrow Coalition are concerned about the year 2000. They are concerned about the world tomorrow.

In March of this year, while ad-

dressing a subcommittee on Natural Resources, Agricultural Research, and Environment, before the U.S. House of Representatives, in reference to needed legislation on the environment, Donald R. Lesh, Director of Global Tomorrow Coalition, said the proposed environmental monitoring was "a step toward improving the capacity of the Federal Government's . . . national foresight."

Lesh qualified his "national foresight" by stating: "One, the systematic collection of the most complete and accurate data available, from both government and private sources, on long-range national and global trends; two, the application

of the most effective techniques — including computer modeling when appropriate — to the analysis of those data, and especially their interactions over time; and three, the timely reporting of summary findings of that analysis to those with senior decision-making responsibility in elected and appointed government positions."

"The rationale," Lesh said, "is clear: if we as a society must make decisions today that will affect the quality of life in this country for generations to come — and we must — do we not have an obligation to try to understand as much as possible about the potential long-term ef-

fects of our decisions before we choose among policy options?"

Lesh charged that since 1980, the U.S. Government — under President Ronald Reagan's administration — has become less responsive to environmental issues. "(Environmental) issues have been given very low priority by the Reagan administration," he said. "The United States' role should be one of leadership in finding national and international solutions (to environmental problems)."

One solution, at least in part, the Coalition maintains, is to educate and to induce people to become aware of environmental problems.

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Nicaragua statement

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Plans to build clinics, childcare centers, schools, and new factories have been dropped. Funds do not exist to improve health and safety conditions in the plants. Food prices have risen considerably, making life extremely hard for many Nicaraguan workers.

Under the war conditions, Nicaraguan workers and trade unions are devoting their efforts to defense and production. Large numbers of workers have joined the militia and have been sent to the front. Many work volunteer shifts in addition to long regular hours to maintain production levels. Unions have given first priority to defense of the country, voluntarily suspending strikes and other activities directed to their immediate economic needs. They are sacrificing heavily, and willingly.

The war is placing great strains on the electoral process. 120 voter registration centers in the rural areas could not be opened due to contra activities, two electoral judges were assassinated by contras, and a candidate for the National Assembly, Ray Hooker, was kidnapped by armed counter-revolutionary forces. Nicaraguans expect the contras to mount a massive effort to prevent successful elections from taking place on November 4.

Every Nicaraguan worker, every organization, and every union we met, including the most strident critics of the government, strongly opposed U.S. intervention in their country.

We found that in spite of the war that Nicaraguan society was very open. The State of Emergency, enacted in 1982, had been lifted. Opposition parties and political organizations freely expressed themselves, and there was no detectable curtailment of trade union democracy.

Conclusions

In light of these findings, and with an understanding of the mutual interest of U.S. and Nicaraguan workers in promoting peace and in advancing the living and working conditions of workers everywhere,

1. We call on the U.S. government to stop its interference in the affairs of Nicaragua, including all forms of U.S. military intervention, aid to the contras, and the U.S. economic blockade of the country.

2. We call on trade unions in the U.S. to develop friendly relations with the labor movement of Nicaragua and to support the efforts of Nicaraguan workers to rebuild their country and defend it from U.S. attack.

Bill Deiz

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the public sector and structured by the private sector.

Deiz commented on the lack of time candidates had to prepare for their campaigns. "I wish Charles Jordan had not left. It is unfair because the candidates did not have any warning. The process is in turmoil. All I can do is scramble."

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