

Rally Marks 7th Anniversary of Revolution

by Jerry Garner

More than 160 individuals attended a rally at Terry Schunk Park last Saturday to commemorate the 7th anniversary of the Nicaragua revolution.

The Rally was sponsored by the Portland Central American Solidarity Committee and the Portland Labor Committee for Central America.

Those who attended the rally listened to a host of speakers, explaining how the Sandinistas government, during its short tenure in power, has made great strides in improving the living conditions of the Nicaraguan people. The speakers were very critical of the Reagan administration's policies toward the Sandinistas government.

"Those of us who have been to Nicaragua cannot help but to come away with the feeling that the United States is on the wrong side," said Bob Rini, co-Chair of the Portland Central American Solidarity Committee. Rini said President Reagan has done everything to show his contempt for the poor, the third world, and people who are fighting for their liberation. Some of the gains made by the government of Nicaragua were undisputable, said Rini. "Look at what is being done in the area of medicine. The hospitals have worked to improve the health of the people, not just the rich who can afford it, but to all who need health care."

The progress in health of the Nicaragua government was also praised by a spokesman from the Committee of Health Rights in Central America. "In a few short years Nicaragua has eradicated polio and has drastically reduced the rate of measles, whooping cough, and mumps," said Martin Larr. "Before the revolution, such diseases were rampant."

Richard J. Brown, photographer for the Observer, spent 7 weeks in Nicaragua last year. Brown told the crowd that it was a fallacy that the majority of masses do not support the Sandinistas. "During last year's celebration of the 6th anniversary, there were over 500,000 people in Managua celebrating. Everyone appeared to be caught up to what was occurring. This type of celebration was throughout Nicaragua. This shoots a hole into the theory that the Sandinistas government doesn't represent the majority of the people."

Kamau Anderson, member of Portlanders Organized for South African Freedom (POSAF), said there is a correlation between what is occurring in Nicaragua and what is occurring in South Africa. "Freedom and self-determination are what the people in Nicaragua and South Africa are seeking. Both the Reagan administration and the South African governments are trying to trample on the rights of the majority in those two countries." Anderson said POSAF supports the efforts of the Nicaraguan revolution.



Kamau Anderson, speaking for the Black United Front and Portlanders Organized for South African Freedom, draws applause as he speaks out against U.S. policy in Nicaragua and South Africa. Anderson

spoke at a rally to celebrate the seventh anniversary of the Nicaraguan Revolution held at Terry Schunk Park Saturday.

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