

The continuing tragedy in Central America increasingly alarms American trade unionists, as it does all who share a commitment to democratic values and to peace.

There is no democracy in El Salvador. What exists is a government at war with its own people. And that war is being supported and financed by the United States. Already, two American trade unionists have lost their lives in the conflict, as have three American nuns and a religious lay missionary.

In Nicaragua, the 43-year dictatorship of the Somoza family was ended in 1979. Now efforts to rebuild that society and make it more responsive to the needs of all its citizens are being undermined by the actions of the U.S. government. Armed attacks by followers of former dictator Somoza, financed and directed by the C.I.A., resulted in the death or disappearance of 947 Nicaraguans in 1983. And U.S. economic sanctions and pressure are having a devastating impact on the standard of living of Nicaraguan workers and peasants. The AFL-CIO-supported labor federation in Nicaragua, the C.U.S., has asked the American labor movement to oppose U.S. aggression against Nicaragua.

The Massachusetts Labor Committee in Support of Democracy, Human Rights, and Non-Intervention in Central America was formed to support self-determination for El Salvador and Nicaragua, and to urge negotiated

settlements of the conflicts there. United States military aid and intervention will not address the tragic circumstances of poverty and underdevelopment that have been endemic to Central America for generations. It can only escalate tension in the area and place the United States at the threshold of a broader conflict. The American people are not willing to sacrifice their sons and daughters to prop up unpopular despots or to overthrow established governments. Nor are they willing to finance military adventures when Federal budget cuts are threatening essential social services.

For these reasons, and in light of labor's long-standing commitment to peace and democracy, the Massachusetts Labor Committee in Support of Democracy, Human Rights, and Non-Intervention in Central America has been constituted on the following principles:

1. Support of self-determination for El Salvador and Nicaragua, with negotiated settlements of the respective conflicts;
2. Opposition to United States and any other military intervention in Central America;
3. Affirmation of basic democratic rights for the people of Central America:
 - the right to free, fair, democratic elections;
 - the right to work and live free from fear;
 - the right to free thought, expression and petition;
 - the right to organize and constitute trade unions with the right to strike.

The Massachusetts Labor Committee in Support of Democracy, Human Rights, and Non-Intervention in Central America pledges to join with other segments of American society, such as religious, community and human rights groups, and other people of good will in helping to further educate the American people about the tragedy in Central America and in encouraging efforts to create democratic societies and promote peace in that region.



If you share our concerns and agree with our goals, please join and/or work with ...

**The Massachusetts Labor Committee
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Rights, and Non-Intervention
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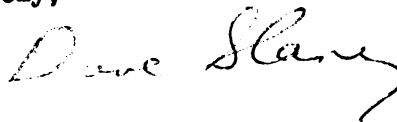
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Dear Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Massachusetts Labor Committee, I want to thank you for your action in designating March 17-24 as Central America Week. President Reagan's policies of aggression and intervention in Central America are not only disastrous for the working people of that region. They are also harmful to the interests of the working people of Cambridge and of the entire United States. In registering a protest against the President's Central America policies, you are truly representing the interests of your constituents.

I hope that you will continue to take concrete steps to promote a just peace in Central America. We would welcome an opportunity to support you and/or work with you in that effort.

Sincerely,



Dave Slaney, Secretary

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the Council for naming March 17-24, 1985 as
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