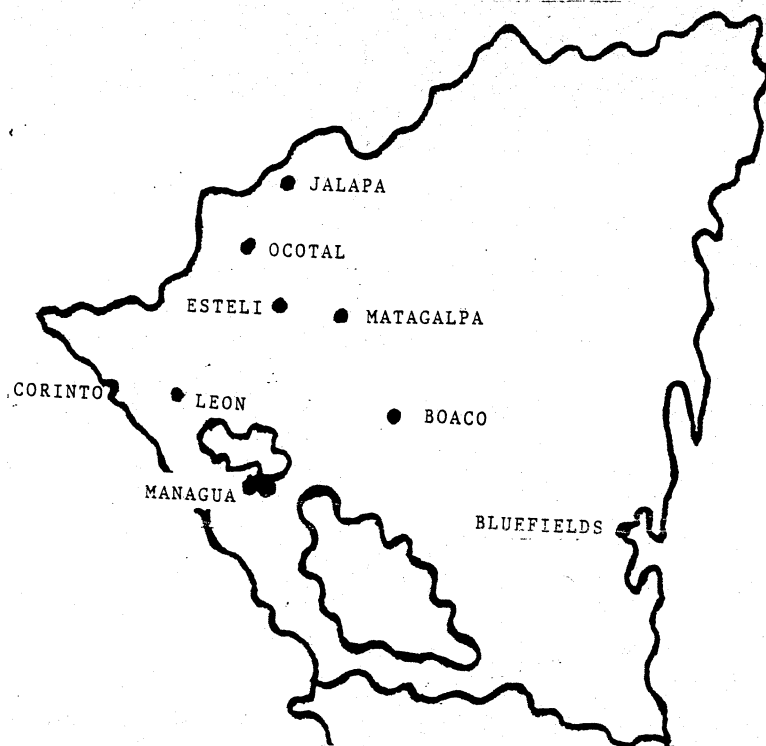


CENTRAL AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES

717 Walnut Avenue

Santa Cruz, Ca 95060

(408) 426-2798



NICARAGUA

STUDY TOUR

July 16-Aug. 1

VIA MEXICO CITY:

\$1,495 from San Francisco or Detroit;

\$1,430 from Philadelphia;

\$1,410 from Denver, Chicago or Los Angeles;

INCLUDES:

- ° Roundtrip airfare
- ° All lodging and tour transportation in Nicaragua
- ° 2 meals daily
- ° English-speaking guide

An exciting 17-day tour designed especially for educators and government officials to study Nicaragua, a society in transition.

SEE for yourself what is going on in Nicaragua.

TALK with the people on the streets of the cities, on the farms and in the villages--workers, teachers, health and agricultural reform technicians, campesinos, industrialists, merchants and artists.

LISTEN to what the people from the political left and right have to say about their problems, their hopes and aspirations and their political institutions.

VISIT new schools, hospitals, housing projects, resource development projects, rehabilitation centers and other social programs.

PARTICIPATE in informal seminars with representatives of government, the judicial system, unions, churches and women's organizations.

LEARN about Nicaragua from a Nicaraguan perspective!



Tour Leaders Will Be Bert and Lois Muhly

Bert is a former Mayor and City Councilman for Santa Cruz and the former Planning Director of Santa Cruz and Tulare Counties. He is now an Associate Professor in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at San Jose State University and has been studying the national resource planning and urban development programs in Nicaragua since 1981. He has been to Nicaragua five times. Lois is an educator in the Soquel Elementary School District and has been to Nicaragua four times concentrating on the education program of the new Nicaraguan government. They are shown above delivering athletic equipment to students at the Facultad Preparatoria of the National University of Nicaragua in the City of Leon.

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PROPOSED ITINERARY

IMPORTANT--PLEASE NOTE: This is the basic program for your tour to Nicaragua. PLACES VISITED OR THE ORDER OF THE VISITS MAY VARY DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES NOT NOW ANTICIPATED.

ANDEN, the National Teachers' Association, will coordinate meetings in Nicaragua. The cost includes round-trip air transportation between San Francisco and Managua; all transportation within Nicaragua; accommodations in economy hotels based on double occupancy; two meals per day; full program and the assistance of a bilingual Nicaraguan guide. Nicaraguan Departure Taxes are NOT included (currently USD \$10.00 + 10 cordobas, about USD \$0.50). The severe lack of accommodations will sometimes POSSIBLY NECESSITATE tour members sleeping in triple and quadruple accommodations.

July 16 Tuesday Managua	Leave San Francisco Airport 12:30 a.m. Mexicana Airlines. Arrive Mexico City 6:55 a.m. Chg. to Aeronica Airlines. Lv. Mexico City 1:30 p.m., Ar. Managua 4:30 p.m. Check in at Hotel. Dinner and welcome, Rep. Jose Luis Villavicencio, Elected Member of National Assembly.	Day 1	July 25 Thursday Corinto Leon	Morning meeting with Roberto Chavez, Director of Urban Planning. Meeting with Sr. Ernesto Vigil, Minister of Housing and Human Settlements (MINVAH). Depart 11:00 a.m. for Corinto, main port of Nicaragua (individual lunch en route at Centro La Paz); inspect port facilities destroyed in Contra attack of Nov. 1983; meet with CDS ¹ of town of Realejo between Corinto and Chinandega, inspect housing for refugees from Corinto; group dinner in Leon; evening visit hospital in Leon or free time.	Day 10
July 17 Wednesday Managua	Greetings by Mayor Samuel Santos of Managua. Morning meeting with Fr. Xavier Gorostiaga, Dir., Institute for Economic and Social Research (INIES). Tour of Central Managua before and after Group lunch at Tiscapa with Justinian Liebel, Dir., Educational Center for Agrarian Advancement (CEPA); 3:00 p.m. Interview with Xavier Chamorro, Editor, El Nuevo Diario; free time--dinner on own; participation in Day of Happiness events.	Day 2	July 26 Friday Leon Managua	Breakfast with faculty representatives of Facultad Preparatorio, National University of Nicaragua. Tour of Facultad Preparatorio. Free time in Leon until noon group lunch with representative of Medical School, tour of Medical School and Rigoberto Lopez Revolutionary Museum. Depart for Managua at 3:00 p.m. Free evening in Managua (suggest Yerba Buena Night-club for extemporaneous performances by talented musicians, poets and other artists).	Day 11
July 18 Thursday Managua	Breakfast with William Huper, Dept. of Finance, "The State of the Economy"; visit to Ministry of Education; tour of schools; lunch with Rep. Jose Luis Villavicencio. Attendance at meeting of National Assembly. Evening seminar with Committee of North Americans working for Nicaraguan government.	Day 3	July 27 Saturday Matagalpa	Timal sugar press and Malacatoya River Project. Individual lunch at thermal pools, Tipitapa or Trapiche. Mid-afternoon arrival Matagalpa; free time to explore Matagalpa. Group dinner and entertainment by cultural group at La Selva Negra.	Day 12
July 19 Friday Managua	7:30 a.m. breakfast with Magda Enriquez (AMNLAE), National Women's Organization. Remainder of day - 6th Anniversary of Triumph Celebration. Lunch on own. Dinner at residence of Sra. Lolita Ramirez. Participate in Holiday events.	Day 4	July 28 Sunday Ocotal	Morning - Luis Hernandez School for Agricultural Mechanics, 20 km. SW Matagalpa. Ar. Esteli 12:30 individual lunch. Ar. Hotel Frontera, Ocotal 3:45 p.m. Explore Ocotal, inspect damage by Contra attack of June 1, 1984. Group dinner with Philippe Berreda, Coordinator (Mayor) of Ocotal.	Day 13
July 20 Saturday Masaya	Early departure for Masaya. Shopping at market and government arts and crafts store. Lunch on own. 2:00 p.m. visit to Santiago Volcano. Evening dinner Managua with Madame Ambassador Leonor Arquello de Huper, Nicaraguan Ambassador to Costa Rica and former Nicaraguan Consul General in New York.	Day 5	July 29 Monday Jalapa	Morning trip to Jalapa to meet with Municipal Government, Witness for Peace, CDS and visit health care center and a primary school. Individ. lunch Jalapa. [Alternate trip to Pueblo Nuevo to see Celia Sanchez Clinic]. Arr. in Esteli no later than 4:00 p.m. Free time until 7:00 p.m. Group dinner with Gino Baumann, Representative of COSUDE (Agricultural Technical Assistance Project of Government of Switzerland).	Day 14
July 21 Sunday Tipitapa Managua	Visit to criminal justice facilities; Captain Cardon or Capt. Franco Montealegre; morning - Tipitapa Prison. Individual lunch at Tipitapa or Trapiche Recreation Area; Swim at Trapiche; visit La Granja (minimum security facility with Sister Maria Hartman, Member Nicaraguan Human Rights Commission. 5:00 p.m. Misa Campesina, Fr. Uriel Molina. Dinner on own.	Day 6	July 30 Tuesday Sebaco Managua	Depart for Sebaco en route Managua. Meet with MIDINRA officials, Ministry of Development Projects and Agricultural Reform at farm cooperative near Sebaco. Visit Jacinto Hacienda National Battlefield. Individual lunch at Huembes Market, Managua. Visit Museum of the Revolution, Huembes Market. Free afternoon. Group dinner with Fr. Fernando Cardinal, ² Minister of Education.	Day 15
July 22 Monday Travel to Bluefields	Early departure by bus for Rama. Embark on Escondido River boat for Bluefields on East coast of Nicaragua. Evening dinner with government representatives and/or representatives with Moravian and Catholic churches to be arranged.	Day 7	July 31 Wednesday	Relax at Jiloa Lake Recreation Area with guests from Organization of Mothers of Martyrs and Heroes. Evening - Farewell Fiesta at home of Lolita Ramirez.	Day 16
July 23 Tuesday Bluefields- Managua	Bluefields. Meeting with health care officials and managers of other programs. Lunch on own; free time in Bluefields for exploration and interviews; 4:00 p.m. return to Managua by air.	Day 8	Aug 1 Thursday	Depart Managua for Mexico City 9:30 a.m. Depart Mexico City for San Francisco 4:00 p.m. Arrive San Francisco 7:30 p.m.	Day 17
July 24 Wednesday Managua	7:30 Observe American Embassy vigil. 9:30, American Embassy Staff; 11:00, meeting with Rep. of Cardinal Obando y Bravo. Group lunch with COSEP (conservative members of business community). Afternoon 2:30 p.m. meeting with Jaime Chamorro, Editor of La Prensa. 4:00 p.m. Sr. Alvaro Ramirez, member of the Supreme Court. Dinner on own. Free evening.	Day 9			

¹C.D.S. Comite Defensa Sandinista. The local community organization of citizens. A neighborhood committee in a larger city.

²A request for this meeting is in process and is subject to confirmation.

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS:

Applications and a \$200.00 deposit must be received no later than June 17, 1985. Full payment must be received no later than June 28, 1985. ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CERTIFIED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER payable to CENTRAL AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES. Other forms of payment will NOT be accepted. Send to CENTRAL AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES, 717 Walnut Avenue. Santa Cruz, California 95060.

RESPONSIBILITY:

CENTRAL AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES shall not be responsible for claims, losses, damages, delays, conveying the passengers or carrying out the arrangements of the tour, and will not be liable for any damage or inconvenience caused by late air, car or motor arrivals or by any change of schedule or other conditions, nor the loss or damage to baggage or any other article belonging to the passenger.

VISA REQUIREMENTS:

Mexico: For U.S. and CANADIAN citizens, the following documents are required: Passport or proof of citizenship + Mexican Tourist Card (issued at the airport on arrival Mexico).

Nicaragua: Passport VALID FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS FROM DATE OF TRAVEL.

Visas will be issued at Managua Airport. Photographs other than those in passport are not required.

AIR TRAVEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

All air travel accommodations from San Francisco will be taken care of by CENTRAL AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES (CAP). CAP will be glad to take care of your air travel arrangements to Mexico City from other cities of origin. If you require this service you must include your special travel requirements on the Registration Form.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

7/16 MEXICANA	Flight 147	San Francisco-Mexico	12:30 a.m.- 6:55 a.m.
7/16 AERONICA	Flight 527	Mexico-Managua	1:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m..
8/01 AERONICA	Flight 526	Managua-Mexico	9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
8/01 MEXICANA	Flight 976	Mexico-San Francisco	4:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INQUIRIES ABOUT THE TOUR:

Call Bert or Lois Muhly 408-426-2798, or write CENTRAL AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES.

DETACH HERE:

PLEASE COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM AND ENCLOSE \$200.00 DEPOSIT.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

NATIONALITY: _____ PASSPORT NUMBER: _____

NOTE: Passport MUST BE VALID FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS from date of travel.

OCCUPATION: _____

Telephone: (home) _____ (work) _____

Send completed Registration Form and Deposit to: CENTRAL AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES, 717 Walnut Avenue, Santa Cruz, California 95060 by June 10, 1985.

/ I have need for special travel arrangements to Mexico City as follows: ✓

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May 15, 1985

Counciler Wolf,
Dear Government Official,

We are leaving on July 16 with 18 people on an intensive 17-day study tour of Nicaragua. We wish to invite you to join us. While our tour is designed to be particularly attractive to public office holders and educators, up to 1/3 of the tour slots will be held for non-educators and persons not connected with government.

The tour will be coordinated in Nicaragua by ANDEN, the National Teachers' Association of Nicaragua, through the cooperation of our friend, Rep. Jose Luis Villavicencio, an elected member of the Nicaraguan Constituent Assembly (Congress). Rep. Villavicencio is also an educator and will participate in our program.

From our experience in Nicaragua (see attached brochure) and from our scores of public presentations on Nicaragua since 1982, we are convinced that there is a dire need among the people of our country for accurate information relative to the situation in this beleaguered little country. It is our view that the U. S. news media and information services have been of little help to the general public in this regard. It is for this reason that we have put this tour together at this time, to give community leaders such as yourself the opportunity to learn first-hand what is going on in Nicaragua. We believe that the attached itinerary of the tour promises to provide exceptional learning opportunities for those who are able to join us. You will notice that it includes meetings with Nicaraguans from all walks of life including representatives from the political left, right and center. Also, it provides free time for participants to engage in their own investigations with the people.

Our government has recently taken the first steps in what it has stated may develop into a full-scale embargo against Nicaragua. As educators and former elected officials ourselves, we are deeply concerned that by cutting off all communication between the peoples of our two countries our government is committing our country to greater military involvement there, which portends tragedy for us all.

Ignorance is the universal enemy of freedom. As educators in a democracy, we feel a professional responsibility to see that our government never places an embargo on the free flow of information and ideas between the people of our country and the peoples of other parts of the world. Such would be an assault on the freedoms of all citizens of our country. We hope that you will join us on the tour and help us to keep this from happening.

It will be a unique and unforgettable experience, we promise. From it you will not only become more informed and a better representative of your constituents, but in our belief, a more vigorous defender of our freedoms, which as U. S. citizens we presently enjoy, but too often take for granted.

Sincerely,

P.S. It would be appreciated if you would share this with your colleagues on the Council and your staff. Thank you. BM
Bert Muhly *Lois R. Muhly*
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Comm. from Councillor Alice Wolf, transmitting a comm. from Bert & Lois Muhly, Central American Perspectives Re: a 17 day study tour of Nicaragua commencing July 16, 1985 for public office holders & educators.

In City Council,

June 10, 1985

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