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took away were given, or won, by the Sandinistas in the first place (altho this certainly does not excuse their wartime emergency measures) from the U.S. puppet, dictator Somoza.

What behavior is the true Sandinista behavior? As they are in power during war? Or in power during peace? (See enclosed.) Leiken also failed to mention that the Sandinistas did not need reforming until we put their backs to the wall. Again, it's like slapping somebody then saying, "i don't like this guy; he's always so mad". Would the Sandinistas be peaceful without the U.S. aggressive presence? We won't know until our masters withdraw.

How would we look if we judged the U.S. by the standards we impose upon the Sandinistas? Should your government, the U.S., be judged by Nisei concentration camps, Hiroshima, Kent State, My Lai, etc., etc., etc.? Who are we to tell the Sandinistas how to behave? And why should the Sandinistas listen to us? Why would anyone listen to those who say, "do my way or die"?

I believe power corrupts universally. As the most powerful state, the U.S. is thus the most corrupt (compared to its rhetoric, its potential to do good, and its paranoid reasons for doing evil). As the Sandinistas acquire power, which the U.S. forces them to do to defend their revolution, they are becoming corrupt, too.

If the Sandinistas continue toward the kind of dictatorship that displeases capitalists, i.e., a "people's republic" rather than a capitalist dictatorship, will we have erred by forcing the U.S. to withdraw from Nicaragua? I think not. Violence, especially against innocent civilians, is no way to win peace, justice, etc.

The only way to counter the state, any state, i.e. organized violence, is with the brotherhood, some fraternal/sororal order, i.e. organized peace - tax resistance, civil disobedience, alternative currencies, self-reliant economies, etc. This takes courage and dedication and giving no quarter to the state, which is why i'm so tough on my fellow Georgists. (See reverse of ~~page 3~~.)

"Skepticism about the Sandinistas doesn't necessarily mean either indifference to Nicaragua or a desire to kill them", but it results in the same. As long as you and other good Americans use your skepticism to justify doing nothing to stop your masters, the U.S. Government, from funding the slaughter, the bloodshed will go on.

I have checked Jim Busey's section on Nicaragua in his new "Political Guide to Latin America" and want to finish reading the

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whole thing. He writes well (as do you) and is well informed (as are you and so many Georgists). Yet he, as do so many Georgists, includes anti-Marxism with pro-Georgism, which works, i think, to the detriment of our movement. This saddens me. Our trip to Nicaragua would be greatly enhanced by his estimable presence.

Thanks, too, for the offer to continue coverage of this trip in the GJ as it develops. And thanks for bringing to my attention the map books by Geo.

Why do i and should anyone push slogans? If you can't put it on a bumpersticker in this day and age, you can't sell it. What do you think of my latest, SOLV, (Share Only Land Value)? Your stationery should have a slogan.

Y'all should list your phone number on your stationery and break down and buy an answering machine. They're cheap! Live in the 80s!


Thanks for sending the CoGO conference questionnaire. Here it is back and completed.

Your mailing list to us here at 2200 Morley now seems up todate. Thanks for making the changes.

Morgan Harris asks if we, Common Ground, can borrow a copy of CoGo's mailing list or mailing labels in order to send out this enclosed questionnaire? If you want the form changed in anyway, let me know. I need to do this project right away, this week.

Thanks for all you do.. Have a wonderful winter solstice.

Yours for economic justice



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PS: Tell Mark he owes me a letter.