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their memberships on this issue. As a direct result of local efforts, on October 3rd, three Senators cast their first vote ever in opposition to further covert aid: Andrews (R-ND), DeConcini (D-AZ), and Packwood (R-OR). This brought opponents within seven votes of a majority in the Senate. The close Senate vote served to strengthen the hands of House negotiators in the subsequent conference committee battle.

Also, we should not forget that local activists and national groups have been educating and organizing against the not-so-secret war since March 1982. The October victory, therefore, belongs to hundreds of thousands of individuals who, over the past 2½ years, let their elected officials know exactly how they felt about the covert war. They made their demand to change the policy which funded this war over and over and over again. They made it visibly and vocally: in their local papers, churches, and community centers; through letters, telegrams, phone calls, and visits; and through a host of local activities. And, they stuck with the work through numerous debates, votes, and shocking revelations.

These people know that the war against Nicaragua won't end: the U.S. government has created a monster along the borders of Nicaragua. Recent reports of U.S. mercenaries and soldiers-of-fortune, as well as private groups in the United States raising funds to support the *contras*, insure that the war will continue. However, the major spigot of support—U.S. government funding—has been turned off. That decision will, hopefully, be upheld in March. At that point, other sources of funding can be scrutinized and challenged.

In the meantime, on a more personal note, all of us at the Coalition—both the staff and the fifty-five national organization members—thank each of you for bringing us closer to peace in Central America. You're all champions.

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