

**BOSTON COMMITTEE TO DEFEND MARGARET RANDALL
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**MARGARET RANDALL THREATENED WITH DEPORTATION -
BOSTON COMMITTEE FORMS**

The Boston Committee to Defend Margaret Randall will hold a benefit on Sunday, March 9, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mass. College of Art Auditorium, 625 Huntington Avenue, Boston, featuring Margaret Randall, Crowsfeet Dance Collective (former members of Wallflower Order) and music by Flor de Caña. Margaret Burnham will comment on the legal and political implications of Margaret Randall's case against the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) which is threatening to deport her. Proceeds will benefit Margaret Randall's legal defense.

Margaret Randall is being threatened with deportation based solely on her published writings. Her supporters believe that her family ties give her the right to reside in the United States, a right that should not be denied because of her political beliefs. The Randall case challenges the INS's authority to exclude foreign citizens who have criticized U.S. policies.

Margaret Randall is a poet, author, teacher and photographer who was born in New York and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. After 23 years in Latin America, she has recently returned to New Mexico to be with her husband, brother and elderly parents -- all U.S. citizens.

In 1961, Margaret Randall moved to Mexico and married the Mexican poet Sergio Mondragón. In 1967 she became a Mexican citizen to obtain better employment to support her children. On the basis of erroneous