# ARLINGTON CENTRAL AMERICA COMMITTEE

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**Arlington/Teosinte Sister City Project**

May/June 1993

**For Your Calendar:**

Sat., May 22 Yard Sale

Sun., June 6 Mirtala Lopez

Mon., June 7 Monthly Meeting

Sat. June 12 Tabling training
(Details below)

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**Yard Sale Coming Up!**

**When** - Sat., May 22, 9 to 2 p.m.

**Where** - Jim Valk's, 98 Sunset Rd.

**What** - Furniture, housewares, children's toys, etc. No books or clothing.

**How** - Bring to garage of Judi Paradis, 143 Forest St. for temporary storage. For pickup, call Mary Megson at 646-3803.

**Who** - **You!** Please come help.

**Why** - Our support of Teosinte

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**Washington Update**

The Clinton Administration will ask Congress for $2.7 million in new military aid for El Salvador in the 1994 budget, and $96 million in Economic Support Funds. The 1994 foreign aid process is about to begin and the administration wants to accelerate it. Hearings are likely in May. We need more signers on the Moakley-Torricelli-Obey dear colleague letter which calls for suspending all military aid till all the officers named by the Ad Hoc and Truth Commissions are fired, and for conditioning aid on full implementation of the Peace Accords. Rep. Markey has signed, Studds and Frank have not. They should be called.

**Coordinators:**
**Central America Committee**, Mary Megson 646-3803
**Sister City Project**, Cindy Silver 646-1071

**Communication With Sister Cities**

Our monthly phone call to El Salvador is a great success. Representatives from Arlington, Belmont and Watertown sister villages travel to the CORDES office in Chalatenango and await our call on predetermined Saturdays. This keeps us up-to-date on what is happening there, and provides much needed moral support for the villagers.

The May 8th call confirmed their delight upon receiving the caravan goods and alerted us to the distress of the people at the failure so far of land distribution and loan provisions promised in the Peace Accords. This could mean dire circumstances for Teosinte by July, including eviction from the land and houses where they have lived for the past four years.

The inequitable distribution of land was the principal underlying cause of the war. Please write or call Rep. Markey and Senators Kennedy and Kerry to express concern that so few provisions of the Peace Accords are being carried out. We will also accelerate fund-raising activities so that we can help with the loans and down-payment for land they must now purchase.

**COALITION TO FOCUS ON 1994 ELECTIONS**

In coalition with many other Boston area groups, we will focus on helping to ensure that the March 1994 elections in El Salvador are truly democratic. With this goal in mind, Saturday, June 12, there will be a training session at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church for "tabling" activities during the summer. In early fall, we will participate in a larger conference to plan supportive activities leading up to the elections. If you're interested in attending these sessions, please call Arlington coalition representive, Lynn Sweezy at 491-0271.