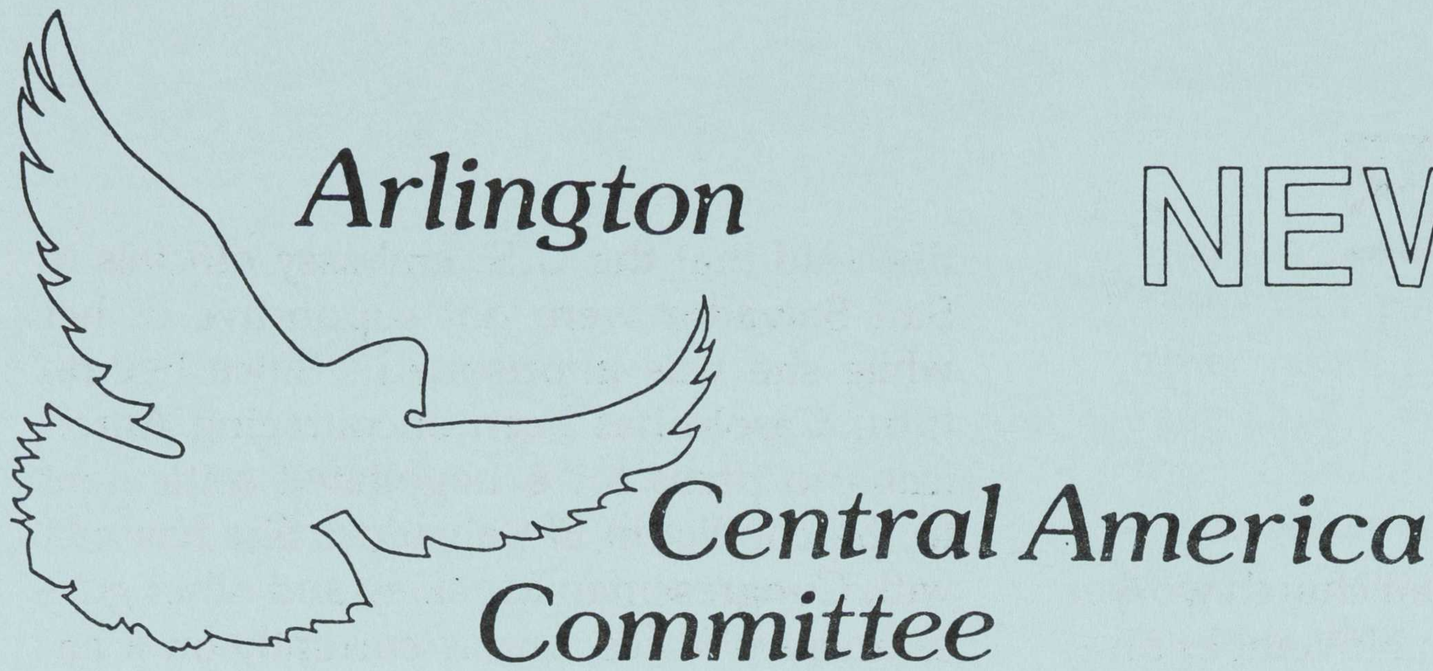

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Eyewitness to Nicaraguan Elections

As this newsletter goes to press, the people of Nicaragua are anticipating a major political event-national elections. These elections have received a lot of attention throughout the world, not all of it good for stability in that country.

The principal conflict in the elections is between the Sandinista party and a coalition of opposition groups known as U.N.O. The Sandinistas have held governmental power since the 1979 overthrow of the abusive, dictatorial Somoza regime. The U.N.O. coalition is held together not so much by a political program but rather by a common dislike for Sandinista policies. It includes many "former" Contras and reportedly enjoys support from Somoza sympathizers. The U.S. government has offered the U.N.O. $9 million under the guise of support for free elections.

The Arlington Central American Committee is sponsoring an important post-election lecture and discussion on Monday, March 5, 1990. We are pleased to present Martin Diskin, Professor of Anthropology at M.I.T. Professor Diskin is Co-Director of Latin American Studies Association's (LASA's) Commission to observe the Nicaraguan elections. He will be discussing his first-hand observations of this election at a public forum to be held at the Edith Fox Chapel of the Pleasant Street Congregational Church, 75 Pleasant St., Arlington, MA, at 7:30 P.M.

The public is invited to this event and admission is free. A collection will be taken up to help further the educational work of the ACAC (such as this newsletter).

(Because this event supersedes the regular ACAC monthly meeting, ACAC will meet briefly at 7 P.M.)