

Nicaragua: Living with the Sandinistas

- I. The Sandinistas have made steady progress toward building a Marxist-Leninist regime since the revolution nine years ago and almost certainly will maintain their grip on power.
- A. Prospects for the insurgency are bleak.
 - The flow of insurgents to Honduras is increasing, and their support structure in Nicaragua is eroding.
 - The Sandinistas have strengthened their military position.
 - B. Prospects for further cease-fire negotiations also are dim.
 - The delays have worked to Sandinistas' advantage.
 - Factionalism among insurgent political leaders has intensified, and they are not inclined to go back to the bargaining table.
 - C. The economy is the regime's most serious vulnerability.
 - The Sandinistas will continue to rely on Soviet Bloc aid while aggressively seeking economic assistance from the West.
 - The deepening economic slide could block some military modernization plans and jeopardize public support.
 - D. Discontent is widespread, but internal opposition problems and Sandinista repression will likely prevent effective, united anti-regime action.
 - E. The Sandinistas will take measures to appear more pluralistic but will not allow any real power-sharing with their opponents.

II. Consolidation of the regime and a greatly weakened insurgency will pose new challenges to the US and Central America.

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- The Hondurans will be reluctant to allow the insurgents to remain in their country and will press the US to accept them as refugees.
 - B. Regional peace talks have been ineffective so far in compelling the Sandinistas to democratize.
 - The Central American democracies will continue weaving a course between complete accommodation and containment of Nicaragua.
 - How aggressively the Sandinistas try to subvert neighboring countries will be a key determinant of local governments' reactions.

What has God said about this area? any very facts?