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### INTERNAL OPPOSITION

With the reimposition of the State of Emergency and the suspension of key constitutional rights (hours after the signing of the Constitution on 9 January), the Internal Opposition has become very active. The following major events took place in January:

--Opposition rallies were held in Masaya (Monimbo), Esteli and Managua.

--10,000 copies of a Pedro Joaquin Chamorro poster were confiscated by the Sandinistas.

--Anti-Sandinista slogans were painted on the wall in Managua.

--Several party leaders and rank-and-file members were arrested and briefly jailed.

--CUS and PSC headquarters were harrassed by the police.

In February, opposition political leaders met with EEC delegates in Guatemala City. Opposition leaders also met with their counterparts in the region.

On 8 March, the Internal Opposition organized an event to celebrate International Women's Day.

#### Upcoming Events:

--The seven political parties who are sponsoring the nine-point "National Compromise Plan" are organizing a rally for early April to demand an answer to the proposal from the Sandinistas.

--Leaders of the PSC, PCN and PLI are scheduled to travel to Europe to meet with key government and European Parliament leaders in early April.

--The seven political parties, and probably the Coordinadora, are planning special activities for the IPU Congress to be held in Managua, 27-30 April.

--The seven political parties and CUS are planning special anti-Sandinista activities for the May Day celebration.

--A European journalist will travel to Nicaragua to prepare a special report on human rights abuses, especially torture in the prisons. Plans are to release this report prior to the IPU Congress in April.

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External:

--Radio Liberacion - Efforts are currently underway to improve the war reporting in order to make Radio Liberacion the principle voice of both the political and military facets of the Nicaraguan Resistance. The first Radio Liberacion war correspondent is scheduled to arrive in Honduras on 30 March.

The Radio Liberacion satellite link will be fully activated on 30 March. Signal strength tests have been excellent in the past week.

Support for the Nicaraguan Resistance in Europe:

Efforts to expose the Sandinistas anti-democratic posture in Nicaragua have been extensive and successful in Europe. Press placements and other written material plus several successful visits by Nicaraguan internal opposition figures have apparently helped change the attitude of some European countries toward the Sandinsitas. Some countries have cut aid to the Nicaraguan government, while others have decided not to increase the amount of assistance provided the previous year. We have seen a substantial change in European attitudes toward the Sandinistas in the past year. The following activities took place between January and March:

--COSEP leaders made an extensive trip to Europe. They spoke strongly against the Sandinista regime. They got excellent media coverage while there.

Exile Activities:

The Nicaraguan Social Christians in exile continue to work for a possible organization of a party in exile. Plans for a seminar in March fell through but are now being arranged for April.

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