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CONTADORA ACCORD

NEWS

Saskatoon Star Phoenix Nov. 14/84 (CP)

Joe Clark said Canada supports the Contadora process, but has very serious reservations about the effectiveness of the verification procedure in the treaty. He said he would meet with representatives of the Contadora countries and that Canada will continue to exercise its influence in a way which will advance the Contadora process and help bring stability to Central America.

Regina Leader Post Nov. 14/84 (CP)

Joe Clark announced he will meet in Ottawa Nov. 26 with representatives from Mexico, Venezuela, Panama and Colombia to try to develop a peace plan for Nicaragua and its Central American neighbours. Clark is quoted as saying, "We support wholeheartedly the Contadora process" and it adds that he said he isn't aniticipating an American invasion of Nicaragua.

Vancouver Sun Nov. 14/84 (CP)

Standard coverage of Joe Clark's announcement that he will meet with representatives of the Contadora countries.

Regina Leader Post Dec. 19/84 (CP)

Joe Clark will visit Mexico in January to discuss various bilateral issues, including the Contadora group in Central America.

EDITORIALS

Vancouver Sun Nov. 17/84

The lead editorial focuses on Nicaraguan fears of an imminent U.S. invasion and says the most promising route to a settlement in the region would be through the Contadora process. It also says that in working toward peace and stability in the area, Joe Clark must decide how much distance Canada will put between our foreign policy and that of the U.S.--"Inot an easy job in view of the Tories" profession of renewed love for our neighbours."