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Globe and Mail Nov. 2/84

Canada's decision not to send observers to the Nicaraguan elections encourages ignorance. Why should we not satisfy ourselves first hand that the suspicion is well-founded?

Le Devoir Nov. 7/84

Although the Sandinista party did obtain the majority of the popular vote, it cannot be ignore that opposition parties were given a less but still substantial number.

Ottawa Citizen Nov. 9/84

Readers praised Nicaraguan efforts to conduct democratic elections, criticized Canada's unsupportive stance behind the U.S. in not sending observers, and criticized the Citizen for hailing elections in El Salvador last year while condemning the more democratic elections of Nicaragua.

La Presse Nov. 29/84

The decision by the International Court in The Hague to bring to trial Nicaragua's claim of armed American attacks against her territory is a moral victory for the Central American nation. It seems improbable that the U.S. will conform to the Court's future judgement. In fact, commentary heard recently lets one suppose that Washington's only regret was in agreeing to defend itself in Court. The Court is an offshoot of the UN and anything that has to do with the UN is sure to get bad press, particularly among conservatives.

Ottawa Citizen Sept. 26/84

Nicaragua's acceptance of the Contadora nation's peace treaty for Central America should have been welcomed by Washington as a positive development. Instead it was criticized and has become a bone of contention between the countries. Unless Washington reverses itself, the conclusion must be that the Reagan administration is determined not to do anything that will give any credit to the Sandinista government. Such a policy is a short-sighted, unwise and not even in the best interests of El Salvador, Washington's darling in the area.

Edmonton Journal Nov. 2/84

The government should have sent observers to the election in Nicaragua. Many Canadians are uneasy about the Mulroney government's close alliance with the U.S. and the decision not to send observers adds credibility to the charge that we have no foreign policy of our own.