

Equally, we are aware of grave civil rights violations in Nicaragua. We very much regret and strongly deplore the closing of the newspaper La Prensa, which is represented in this room but not available on the streets of Managua.

- - I invite the Sandinista leadership to recall the spirit in which their revolution was born. In that spirit, a bishop would not be barred from his pulpit, and a newspaper would not be banned from the streets.

Nor are we in favor of exporting revolution, any more than we approve of third party intervention anywhere in Central America.

Whoever the third party may be, and regardless of its legitimate interests in the area.

We regret the extension of East-West disagreements into the area, and we do not approve of any country supplying arms to any faction in the area.

This is why we support the Contadora initiative, thwarted though it may be, as the best instrument for reconciliation in Central America.

We know that only with development and peace can democracy prosper.

With development, the people of Central America will not turn to totalitarian prescriptions for their economic misfortune, when they can turn to democracy for hope.

Canada has received thousands of Latin American refugees, especially since the overthrow of the Allende government.