

# Nicaraguan Woman Claims U.S. Aiding Sandinist Foes

Mirza Tomayo is an intense young lady preaching a disturbing message across Upstate New York this month.

She is saying that the U.S. is abetting the foes of the Nicaraguan government, in one instance to the tune of \$20 million, and says that her people fear an invasion, backed by the U.S., is imminent.

Ms. Tomayo, a Cuba-born Nicaraguan, is here at the request of the Protestant

ecumenical program, Mutuality in Mission, in which Latin American spokesmen describe conditions in their homelands for area church-goers.

In a prepared statement, Ms. Tomayo asserted: "Last December, President Reagan authorized the CIA to spend \$20 million for covert actions against Nicaragua. Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs Thomas Enders told members of the House and Senate Com-

mittees on Intelligence, the CIA is already secretly providing training, money and weapons for former members of Gen. Anastasio Somoza's National Guard who are carrying out armed incursions from Nicaragua from bases in Honduras."

Somoza ruled Nicaragua until the Sandinist revolution ousted him.

"Our message as Nicaraguans to the people of the United States," Ms. Tomayo said, "is the need to



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stop the aggressions and threat of invasion from outside. We would like to see the United States working to help construct just societies and lasting peace in Central America. We urge all congressional representatives to investigate the situation and put a halt to this impending breach of justice."

# U.S. Aide Faults Church For Pro-Sandinist Stand

Chicago (NC) — Catholic leaders have remained silent about attempts by Nicaragua's Sandinista government to destabilize the Catholic Church in the Central American country, according to Elliott Abrams,

a high-ranking State Department official.

"I have seen very few prominent press reports about these events, fewer editorials and even fewer statements by church leaders or human rights activists," said Abrams, assistant secretary of state for human rights and humanitarian affairs.

## Workshop Planned Nov. 6

The Women's Career Center is offering a one-day workshop, Exploring Options After Forty, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Women's Career Center, 121 N. Fitzhugh St. Charge for the workshop is \$25. Bag lunch is requested and beverages will be provided.

The workshop is designed to help women begin to assess their skills, explore today's job market and identify job hunting techniques.

Speaking on Sept. 29 to the annual general assembly in Chicago of the inter-American Press Association, Abrams cited the beating up of an aide to Archbishop Miguel Obando Bravo of Managua, the attempt to censor a letter from Pope John Paul II in the press and the seizure of several non-Catholic churches.

"I don't mean to say everyone in the church has been silent," Abrams continued. He noted that Archbishop John Roach of St.

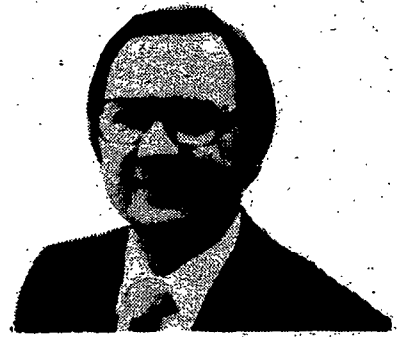
Paul-Minneapolis, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, "strongly protested these attacks."

Abrams said, "Archbishop Roach's courageous statement is nearly unique. I know of no other prominent prelate who has condemned these acts."

Abrams said the silence extended to the press.

"I think for the human rights movement, for the church and for the press, Nicaragua, where the Sandinistas have coopted all the symbols of social revolution and progress, is a crucial test," the State Department official said. "Those who insist on examining El Salvador through a microscope while seeing no evil in Nicaragua are undermining their claim and their credit to be an unbiased observer."

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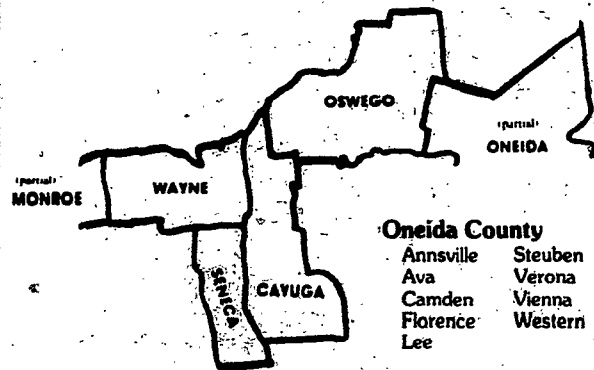
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