

From the Editors

"We are not men of speeches..."

The popular victory led by the Sandinist Front for National Liberation (FSLN) over one of the most firmly established dictatorships in the world served clear notice to reactionary and proimperialist sectors in Nicaragua that our country had begun a profoundly nationalist process whose character in this stage is determined by the establishment of solidly democratic foundations, by revolutionary transformations in the social/political arena, and fundamentally, by our economic independence from the imperialist multi-nationals which traditionally have subjugated us, that is to say, clearly anti-imperialist.

The vanguard role which the FSLN played during the war, is being confirmed day by day by all the Nicaraguans who, having suffered 45 years of Somozista tyranny, have now started on the road of reconstruction and self-organization, the fundamental base necessary to guarantee and deepen the Sandinist revolution. The Sandinist Front has demonstrated that "We are not men of speeches." We raised the road of armed struggle as the solution to our problems, we built a solid organization, we led the people in war and won.

After 20 years of anti-Somoza, nationalist, popular and anti-imperialist struggle, the Nicaraguan people aren't fooled by tricks; they know their allies and their enemies. They know that the Sandinist leadership will lead the working class and the peasantry--their principal ally--to unite as the driving force of the revolutionary process.

Nevertheless, there are many opportunists and saboteurs who threaten every step that our people take day by day. "The counter-revolutionary poles meet in action," Comandante Henry Ruiz said recently.

The people have identified their enemies: the sell-out bourgeoisie and the Maoist-Trotskyist ultraleft.

They are infiltrating disguised as revolutionaries. They call for the occupation of the land, the immediate nationalization of all private property, for social justice, and for the abolition of all forms of the bourgeoisie in Nicaragua.... Their tactics are clear: to confuse, to divide, to disorient a process that has deep social and political roots.

The Sandinist process has various phases; today we are in the reconstruction and strengthening of our popular organizations. No counter-revolutionary dressed as a defender of the people should obstruct this work.

The Sandinist Defense Committees (CDS) are the answer to the ultra-leftists. Organization and unity are the basis of this Sandinist stage. The watchword is to control these somocistas of a new type, Trotskyists, Maoists, "defenders of the people," sell-out bourgeoisie. Every Nicaraguan has the obligation to identify, locate, and denounce the counter-revolutionaries. The Committee of Popular Organization, COP, the Zone Councils, and the Neighborhood Committees will be attentive to receiving these denunciations.

The Sandinist Front calls today for reconstruction and the denunciation of counter-revolutionary elements.