

According to his statements, the reins of the FDN were, from the beginning, in the hands of the CIA, which pays very juicy salaries to the top leadership.

Chamorro stated that the FDN military leaders, most of them former members of the Somozist National Guard, are programmed to kill. He said that they would not leave a single Sandinist alive and added that their eventual victory would be like experiencing one of the worst chapters of our history again.

However, the former FDN leader, who defected from this organization in 1984, stated that the chances of the counterrevolution winning are remote. He said that the FDN does not have the capacity to jeopardize the revolution and that he does not believe the guerrillas have 20,000 men, as is claimed. We used to say we had 4,000 men when we had only 2,000. Now they say that they have 20,000, but since I already know the story, I don't think there could be more than 10,000.

Regarding the U.S. desire for a national reconciliation in Nicaragua, the former opposition leader stated that the proposal is artificial and demanded that before anything else the Reagan administration stop the war to allow Nicaraguans to hold talks among themselves.

Referring to his worst enemy in the past, the former rebel leader asserted that the greatest historical contribution that the Sandinist front could make would be to draw up a sound constitution consecrating collective liberties, freedom of expression, and the prevalence of law over man.

#### BORGE SEEKS CONDEMNATION OF U.S. 'AGGRESSION'

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[Text] Commander of the Revolution Tomas Borge Martinez, interior minister, called on Latin America yesterday to condemn U.S. aggression against Nicaragua and demand that it resume the Manzanillo talks. Commander Borge yesterday bid farewell to a group of more than 4,000 coffee harvesters made up of workers of the Interior Ministry, [words indistinct] of the National Penitentiary System.

He said that Honduras' complicity, by lending its territory and openly supporting counterrevolutionaries with its Army, could bring about greater tension at the border. This could in turn lead to an involuntary confrontation with our neighbors. The FSLN National Directorate member said that his country is a moral and political power that will face any kind of threats. Commander Borge said that nobody will stop this revolution; notwithstanding the degree of aggression, we will continue to prepare ourselves to defend our homeland.

#### LE MONDE INTERVIEWS INTERIOR MINISTER BORGE

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[Report on interview with Interior Minister Tomas Borge by special correspondent Marcel Niedergang: "Commander Borge's Wrath" -- date not given]

Interior Minister Tomas Borge has made another addition to his crucifix collection. He now owns stone, wood, brass, and ceramic crucifixes. They cover an entire wall of his office at the ministry. The man who is considered the hardest of the Sandinist commanders no doubt wants to show that he is not renouncing his Christian upbringing.

The rumor in Managua is that Eden Pastora -- former deputy interior minister in the Sandinist government and currently head of one of the armed organizations opposing the regime -- has recently had secret talks in Nicaragua with Sandinist leaders. Tomas Borge erupted at that.

"If that were true," he said, "Pastora would now be in the next room, a well-guarded prisoner. He represents nothing any more. He is finished."

Borge's bugbear at the moment is Cardinal Obando Y Bravo, archbishop of Managua and president of the Episcopal Conference. Since July the cardinal has made regular tours throughout the country, winning acclaim and generating enthusiasm wherever he went. A reliable source affirms that the interior minister has summoned the cardinal and warned him that unless he tones down his campaign all foreign priests will be expelled. Cardinal Obando Y Bravo, who is currently attending the synod in Rome, has in fact toned down his campaign for 2 weeks. A coincidence? Tomas Borge confirmed it indirectly.

"Obando Y Bravo," he said, "talks just like Reagan. He uses the same terms. He was running an election campaign. You could not tell if he was running for the Presidency or for mayor of Managua. It is intolerable! The opposition does not know what to invent next. COSEP [Higher Council of Private Enterprise] is now using dollars to try to organize the small-scale street traders."

[Niedergang] But do you not see that the return to the state of emergency has caused very adverse reactions abroad?

[Borge] When Alfonsin declared a state of emergency in his country that was fine. When it happens in Nicaragua people shout at the tops of their voices. We are at war. There is a state of emergency, that is all there is to it. The suspension of the right to strike is purely a formality. Anyway, there are no strikes in Nicaragua because the working people have a high political awareness. And the suspension of the habeas corpus law? A dozen people are arrested a day, but they are released within 24 hours.

[Niedergang] The contras now seem well established, not only in the north but in the center of the country too....

[Borge] Strategically the contras have lost the game. But it is true that the military situation is complex. On the ground the fighting is continuing. The contras are looking to split Nicaragua from north to south. They have sent some units to Costa Rica to resume the struggle against San Juan. They infiltrated the center with the aim of cutting the Managua-Rama highway. That is a lifeline for us, a strategic route. It is morale, above all, which wins wars. And we are optimistic because we have the morale. And our peace talks with the Miskito Indians on the Atlantic coast are progressing favorably.

[Niedergang] It is being said that the contras now have SAM-5 and SAM-6 missiles, capable of destroying your Soviet-built helicopter gunships.

[Borge] If they have some, they have not used them. They have nothing to gain by doing so. They have Dakota transport planes for their interior-based columns, and we have not managed to neutralize them. But if they do use their missiles, I can tell you that they will then be found throughout Central America, not just in Nicaragua.

#### BAYARDO ARCE ANALYZES REVOLUTION, PROGRESS

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[Text] Managua, 7 Dec (ACAN-EFE) -- Commander Bayardo Arce has admitted that "problems brought about by the aggression forced us to adopt measures that weaken the fundamental objective of the Sandinist revolution."