

***you are invited***

**to a public**

**RALLY  
& DANCE**

**in support of the**

**NICARAGUAN**



**LITERACY**



**CRUSADE**

**SPEAKERS**

**PASTOR VALLE-GARAY**

Representative of the Nicaraguan Government in Canada

**DON COX**

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace

**PAULINE JEWETT**

NDP Member of Parliament

**AL BLAKEY**

President, B.C. Teachers Federation

Representatives of the B.C. FEDERATION OF LABOUR & CENTRAL AMERICA SUPPORT COMMITTEE

**Bar • Latin American food**

**Dance • Live Band**

**LABOURERS' HALL**

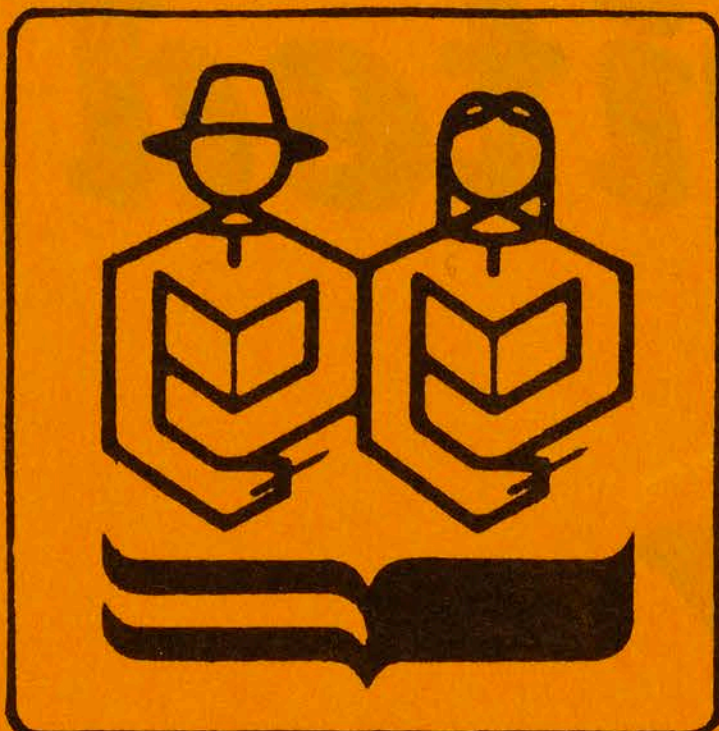
**8th & Ontario**

**Sat. Sept. 13 8:00 pm**

**DONATION: \$5**

PHONE 253-5522 FOR TICKETS  
(ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS)





Dear Friends,

As you may know, we have seen the birth of a new, free nation in Central America. The Nicaraguan people overthrew the cruel dictatorship of Anastasio Somoza last year. Since then, the new Sandinista government has set itself the task of rebuilding the economy and, at the same time, educating its people. The illiteracy rate is over 50%!

### A PLURAL REVOLUTION

The Nicaraguan experience marks the first time that many sectors of Latin American society have joined hands in a common cause to achieve a better life. Along with the Sandinista militia, some small business interests as well as some of the Catholic clergy and trade union movement are sitting together in the new government. The Literacy Crusade is directed by Padre Fernando Cardenal, the new Minister of Culture.

To date, this daring campaign has mobilized over 140,000 volunteer teachers who aim to create a literate, aware and socially conscious people as a guarantor of positive social change for their country. Though there has been little aid from world governments for Nicaragua, support from the labour movement as well as other organizations such as the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP), and the New Democratic Party has been impressive. The B.C. Teachers' Federation voted on April 2 to send \$1 per member in aid, for a total of over \$30,000. The Canadian Brotherhood of Railway, Transport and General Workers Union, Local 326, did the same. The Quebec Teachers' Federation mounted a campaign of their own too.

It is obvious to all concerned people that we cannot allow the new freedom of Nicaragua to fail. They paid a high price for it. People built the new society of Nicaragua, and people across the world are helping it succeed. We ask you to make your contribution today by filling out the cheque form below. Your donation will be acknowledged promptly. All funds gathered will be sent in conjunction with the CCODP to the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) so that matching funds can be added to your donation, thus sending even more money down to the projects of the Literacy Campaign as approved by the Minister of Culture, Fernando Cardenal. Can Nicaraguans count on you?

We also invite you to our final RALLY AND DANCE at the Labourer's Hall at Ontario Street and 8th Avenue on Saturday, September 13 at 8:00 p.m. Meet the Sandinista representative for yourself and enjoy a social evening with other supporters. See you there!

THE NICARAGUAN LITERACY COMMITTEE  
4360 Main Street, Vancouver, B.C. Telephone 253-5522

I make this donation knowing that:

The Nicaraguan Support Committee sends all funds donated to it through the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace to the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) so that matching funds may be added and forwarded to Nicaragua for literacy projects initiated and approved by Fernando Cardenal, Minister of Culture and Education.

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