

Tape01A

0:00 - We are in a church service held in Spanish.

2:36 - Now talking to the members of a Christian-based community. These folks are motivated by Liberation Theology.

6:01 - We begin listening to a long history of the movement here.

17:57 - When the people here began to discuss the gospels among themselves, the authorities started to think that they were communists.

19:16 - Vatican II was mentioned at this point.

21:26 - They are making a point now that regardless of whether you are Catholic or Protestant or whatever - if you are Christian, then you follow the teachings of Christ.

23:15 - We need to know that we have a body and spirit.

23:45 - We cannot separate the crosses we bear in life from our bodies in our spirits in this life.

24:13 - The point of Liberation Theology is to integrate these several things (crosses, body & spirit).

25:20 - If you are a Christian, then you are called to confront injustice.

26:50 - Liberation Theology Christian-based communities grew out of the poorer communities here because the wealthier folks are happier with their lot.

29:30 - Liberation Theology teaches that we learn from life and the Bible, but neither of these is dominate.

Tape01B

1:40 - The church community prepared the ground for the revolution.

2:35 - Here in Esteli, they gave the Sandinistas moral support.

5:40 - Currently, the Christian factions are supportive of the Sandinista government, but they also have a critical role to play.

7:40 - They approve of the Sandinista government, but they want it to leave them alone to continue being Christians. "Let us fulfill our roles."

9:10 - They asked us: "What did you intend when you came to Nicaragua?" Our answer was that we wanted to see what was actually happening here. I repeat the two competing stories which we are all hearing in the US.

21:22 - I'm responding to a question here. We're all saying what we think we've seen here in Nicaragua.

27:30 - They are expressing their thanks for what we are doing.

29:40 - end of the tape.

Tape02A

0:00 - We are in front of the church in Esteli waiting. We've just finished our interviewing with the Christian-based community here and now we're going to meet with the Charismatic Sector Christians here.

0:36 - Kids have surrounded us and are quizzing us.

1:23 - We're in a service where there's a lot of singing.

4:00 - Listening to yard noises.

5:54 - We're in a discussion/conversation and we're listening to what may be the mayor give us a very long description of of the local area:

24:44 this tape ends.

Tape02B

0:00 - Still listening to the Mayor of Limay.

4:40 - Contra activity beginning to die down on '86 so they could work with less fear of ambushes.

5:15 - Able to build 14 schools.

8:23 - discussion of Low Intensity Warfare (LIW).

10:30 - Contras trying to create conditions so the population will begin to oppose the Sandanista Government.

13:05 - Now he wants to take questions from us.

18:40 - List of countries which have given Nicaragua funds to help.

21:52 - Long sequence in which the mayor tells us about his background.

24:53 - Mayor describes his work for the community. (Page 33 Doc)

30:14 - Tape ends

Tape03A

0:00 - large blank space at the beginning.

3:00 - Mayor of Limay continues.

9:15 - The CIA is telling NICAs that if they are Christian, they should be exempt from military service.

13:49 - "if I have a uniform, but no gun then I am in danger by enemies"

16:24 - Session with the Mayor ends.

16:30 - Going to remain here in the same chapel and George is going to give us a reflection. Quite beautiful.

24:39 - Reflection ends? And George, I and others begin to talk.

30:12 - Tape ends

Tape03B

00:00 - Conversation continues

01:22 - Break - now we're at a government building where lunches are prepared for children. Lot of talk here that I cannot follow with folks at this center.

10:53 - Break - At the Limay Public Health Center.

13:53 - 50 Cordobas charge.

18:53 - How does the blockade affect the medical staff's work?

19:24 - Ambulance gift

25:46 - This clinic has been here since Somoza.

29:00 - About their immunization program. Listing the shots.

30:16 - Tape ends

Tape04A

0:00 - Still at the medical clinic, (visit began on the 10th)

5:54 - Break - We've switched to "Casa Baltimore" in Limay. Our group is talking, laughing, singing and playing.

22:25 - Break - With The Mothers of Heroes and Martyrs. A lady is telling us she still has four sons and she wants to see them get educated.

30:09 - Tape Ends

Tape04B

00:00 - The Mothers of Heroes and Martyrs Testimony continues.

14:38 - They do not blame the people of the US - it's the government.

18:19 - Her son was killed while working for literacy. He was unarmed when he was killed.

26:05 - 300 Cordobas per month are not worth the blood of my son.

30:05 - Tape ends



Tape05A

00:00 - Sitting in a small building waiting to begin an evangelical service after our visit to a gold mine.  
00:26 - Tape break - discussion.  
00:49 - Tape break - singing begins.  
02:45 - Taping is OK?  
03:35 - Tape break - Thanking us for our visit.  
07:00 - Discussing Nicaragua's suffering. See the crosses along the road?  
10:30 - Tape breaks?  
12:30 - Singing again (lots of it).  
21:20 - Tape break  
21:45 - What hope do we have for a new government?  
22:45 - Why we North Americans come to Nicaragua.  
27:58 - Tape break  
28:36 - I note on the tape that the Evangelista service is just starting.  
30:03 - Tape ends

- this tape from 12Oct88 is a bit confusing in that we attended a Campasino service in the AM and another Evagelista serie in the PM and it is hard to discriminate where the divide was.

Tape05B

00:00 - Opens with the sound of very loud Evangelista praying.  
01:35 - Singing  
03:00 - Evangelista preacher talks.  
03:30 - Private meeting: Making requests of us for things they need.  
05:00 - They need a vehicle to visit other area Evangelistas.  
06:30 - Church building is too small and hot. They need fans.  
11:10 - Group is a-political.  
19:00 - Listening to a preacher going at it!  
22:24 - My overlaid comments trying to interpret what we're hearing.  
23:16 - People in the audience are urging each other to go up.  
24:49 - Seems like "Born Again" Christian stuff.  
26:40 - More commentary about how intense the event is.  
30:02 - Tape ends

Tape06A

0:00 -

5:05 - break - Long excellent discussion about how the US press is controlled on the subject of Nicaragua - Carrie Parker (WFP).

10:10 - Journalists reporting on Nica know that if they do not shape their stories a certain way, they will not appear in print in the US.

11:05 - In June talks held here in Nica and they broke down because of the Contras and they were not covered on even one of the big US national networks.

16:17 - I quiz the speaker about what these same journalists might say if we talked to them off the record. Would they agree that the news is being suppressed from here?

27:30 - Journalism researcher down for 2 months in August found that the reporters from the big outlets that she wanted to interview had been prohibited from talking to researchers like her who wanted to examine the quality of their reporting.

30:07 - Tape ends

Tape06B

0:00 - Continuing discussion with Carrie parker (WFP) on the media in Nica

8:00 - Summary of the results of US driven Low Intensity Conflict on the revolution.

9:00 - Corruption is more of a problem at the middle level than at the high level of the Nica government.

11:07 - Break - Continuing discussion of the media in Nica.

13:03 - Break - Now we have Julio Maldonado.

16:10 - Break - He going to talk with us about Honduran exile matters...

19:00 - Says there are Contras in Honduras and U.S. Military Bases.

22:34 - Honduran government has a Democratic facade but it is controlled by the Honduran military with the support of the Reagan Administration.

26:10 - Much of what is happening in Central America is part of a large propaganda effort to paint events as a struggle of Western Democracies against International Communism. He asserts that what is really going on is a struggle for 'self-determination' by the local people.

27:57 - Tape goes blank.

30:00 - Tape ends

Tape07A

00:00 - Continuing with Julio Maldonado.

04:40 - A long history of the struggles in Honduras. Compares and contrasts things between the two countries; Nicaragua and Honduras.

29:30 - I ask a question of Julio.

30:04 - Tape ends before the answer.

Tape07B

00:00 - Continuing with Julio Maldonado Q & A session. He's answering my question from 6-SideA.

21:34 - Can we have some short Q & A back and forth?

29:56 - Tape ends

Tape08A

00:00 - 1800 on 15Oct88 - Just finished a session. Beginning the 7th tape. Sitting on the porch of the 'Peace House' and it is raining.  
03:10 - Talk now with background translation.  
05:10 - Music lead by one of the Hondurans  
14:05 - The guest departs? Music continues.  
23:30 - Music ends. General chatter.  
27:30 - Some music begins again.  
29:46 - Tape ends - as music continues.

Note: there is no Tape08B file.

Tape09A

00:00 - David Dye is giving us a talk on the Nicaraguan economy.  
13:41 - Nicaraguan govt says all problems are caused by the war.  
14:45 - COSEP mentioned.  
17:29 - Factor 1 - Impact of the War.  
23:55 - Factor 2 - Nicaragua's interface to world economy.  
27:21 - Factor 3 - Past attempts by Somoza to control things.  
33:48 - Summing up previous factors discussion.  
40:15 - Changed to a 'free market' system.  
46:48 - Ends



Tape09B

- 00:00 - Pick up again with David Dye at the correct recording speed.
- 01:35 - Nature of the Mixed Economy
- 06:02 - 1. Banking System Nationalized
- 08:33 - 2. Xfer \$ from rich to poor
- 12:06 - 3. Property redistribution
- 18:18 - Loss of freedom for multinationals
- 25:39 - Regan Policies driven by fear
- 27:00 - Mixed Economy Socialism
- 32:00 - Q & A session
- 35:40 - Influence of the USSR
- 47:58 - End David Dye session.

Tape10A

- 00:00 - Conversation with Fernando Perez Peña
- 06:30 - Government priorities in Cuba
- 07:50 - Comparing Cuba and Nicaragua
- 26:00 - Women's rights in Nicaragua
- 28:00 - Comparing U.S. and Nicaragua constitutions.

Tape10B

Tape was double speed so I converted it all to 50% slower and re-saved it as an MP3 file.

00:00 - Conversion with Fernando Perez Peña

01:30 - Discussing how prisons work in Nicaragua. A five-level system.

1. Max Security - no work

2. Work in prison for same wages as outside - keep the money

3. Work outside with a guard

4. Work outside without a guard

5. Live at home (still serving sentence)

05:00 - Long discussion on how the justice system works.

17:38 - Prisoners lost track of in the legal system.

20:00 - Lots needs to be improved after 500 years of colinization and abuse.

31:00 - Becoming a lawyer in Nicaragua.

40:00 - Discussion on computers.

41:20 - End with Fernando. -----a

41:21 - Now at the COSEP Offices. Private sector business people's organization.

41:55 - Stopped taping...

43:40 - Recoding begins again. Whoever is talking is a self-professed conservative.

- Not sure where this ties to in my notes. Probably in the section about

- COSEP on page 64 and on ...but I'm not sure.

52:00 - Lots of complaints against the Sandanistas.

59:22 - Ends ... still not sure how this section relates to my notes.