

UNL informed of Nicaraguan plight

By Rich Jurgens

The starvation and destruction resulting from the recent Nicaraguan revolution has prompted the UNL Latin American Student Association to collect money and inform other UNL students of the plight of the Nicaraguan people.

Frank Bolivar, president of the Latin American Student Association said Sept. 17-21 was named Nicaraguan week because it was during this week last year that Nicaragua became an independent country.

The Somoza dictatorship is gone, but suffering and destruction continue in Nicaragua under the Sandinistan government.

Bolivar said the Latin American Student Association does not have any political views toward Nicaragua, but wants to inform the public what is happening and collect money to help rebuild the country. So far the association has collected only about \$14, he said.

The student association has been showing a documentary film in the student union this week on the plight of the Nicaraguans.

An estimated 43,000 Nicaraguans were killed by the Somoza national guard.

Many students, watching the film, laughed at what happened during the revolution, Bolivar said. He said as the film continued the laughter stopped.

DR. ROBERTO Esquenazi-Mayo, director of the Institute for International Studies spoke Wednesday to students about the present situation in Nicaragua.

"There are struggles for all people who want to be free," he said referring to people who were killed or exiled during the revolution.

The new Junta constitution will provide the Nicaraguan people with a free democratic nation consisting of freedom of expression, political freedom and freedom of religion.

Esquenazi-Mayo said it also provides the people with a

say in national affairs, rights to own property, full employment, and equal pay and the right to travel out of the country, he said. At the same time it abolishes the death penalty and all propaganda.

Esquenazi-Mayo said at the time Somoza left the country Somoza said communication would be chaos without his leadership.

However, newspapers now have complete freedom and the schools are beginning to work under the Junta government, he said.

Yet, he said the country was still unstable.

"IT WOULD BE foolish of me or anyone else to predict the future of Nicaragua, much needs to be done."

Later in a question and answer session, talks turned more to the U.S. policy toward Nicaragua than the present condition of the country.

Much of the criticism came from a few foreign students who blamed the U.S. for problems encountered by Latin America countries.

Many of the Somoza generals were trained by U.S. marines in the United States.

Esquenazi-Mayo agreed that the U.S. had made mistakes in their Nicaraguan foreign policy, but said the U.S. is now paying for it with a great deal of anti-American sentiment in his country. However, he said U.S. policy has changed. The U.S. has loaned Nicaragua 20 million dollars to rebuild, with no strings attached, he said.

Nicaragua, which is smaller than Nebraska, needs the U.S., we don't have enough natural resources or skilled people to rebuild or protect ourselves, he said.

Other criticism came from the strong economic hold that the U.S. is said to have on Nicaragua.

Esquenazi-Mayo did not deny U.S. holding, but said "Saint Francis was a great sinner, and is now a saint."

"I have nothing to hide or regret, what I have done. He said he hoped every country now under a dictatorship would fight to become a free nation.

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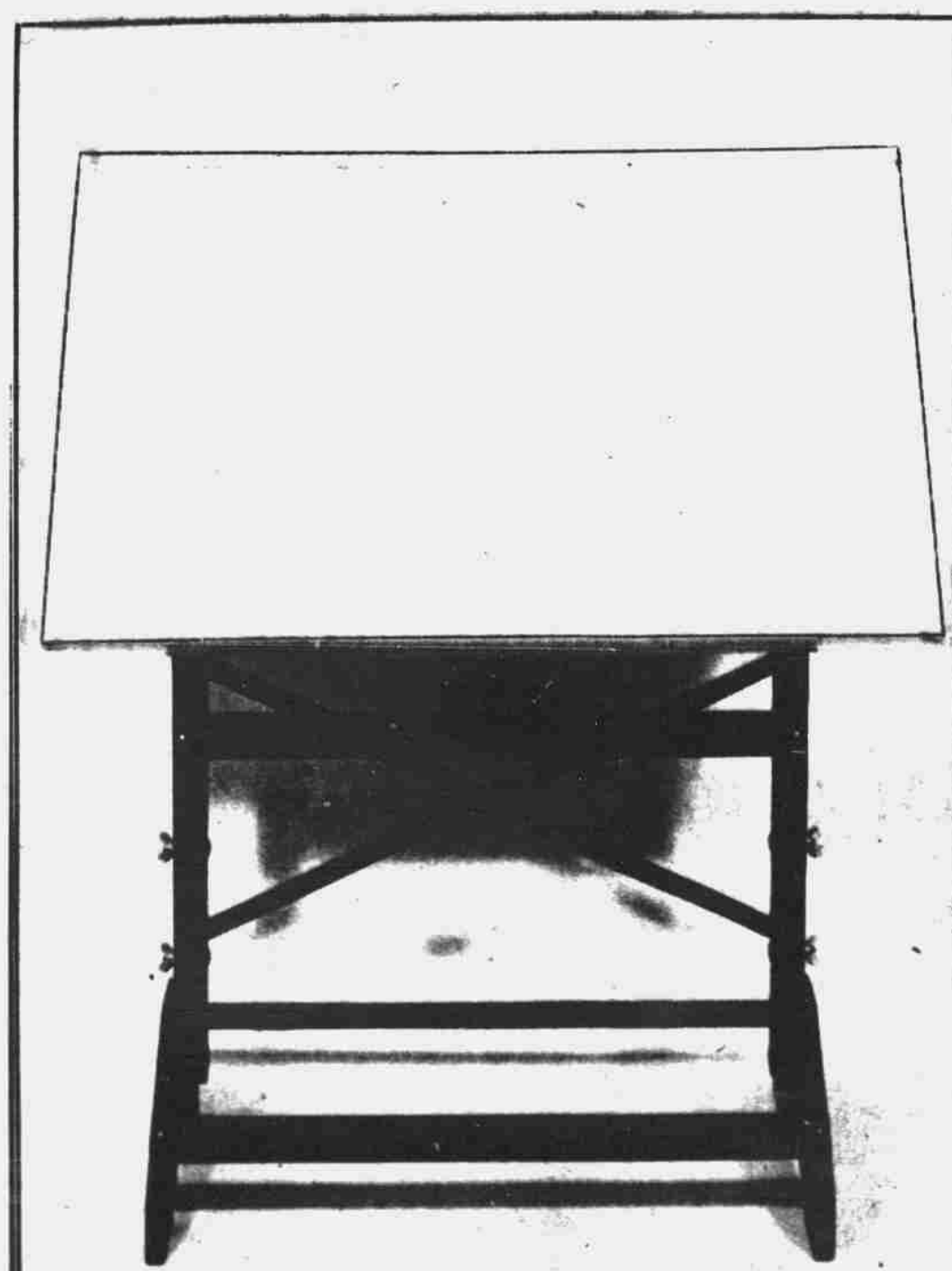
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