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## Counsel: 'Substantial' improvement follows Nicaraguan revolution

By Eric Peterson

A Nicaraguan consul asserted the fundamental success of the Sandinista revolution in a speech in the Nebraska Union Rostrum Tuesday afternoon.

Francisco Campbell, first secretary of the Nicaraguan Embassy in Washington and former head of agrarian reform on Nicaragua's East Coast, said the Nicaraguan revolution, which began four years ago with the overthrow of longtime dictator Anastasio Somoza, has made several substantial improvements in the life of the country despite U.S. supported subversion.

Nicaragua's rate of illiteracy, which was 52.5 percent in 1979, is now at 12.5 percent and still declining, Campbell said. He said basic instruction is given by high school students.

Campbell noted that Nicaragua now has a real and effective agrarian reform plan, which guarantees access to land to all who want it and a fair price for all crops produced.

"We also found a country in which medical attention was virtually non-existent, especially in the rural areas," Campbell said. Health efforts, directed mainly by young Nicaraguans, has reduced the infant mortality rate and eliminated malaria and polio in the country.

In addition to substantial progress in education, equality of landholding and health, Campbell said Nicaragua has made democratic reforms.

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Staff photo by Craig Anderson

Francisco Campbell

## Speakers criticize U.S. administration

By Christopher Burbach

First Secretary of the Nicaraguan Embassy to the United States Francisco Campbell criticized the current presidential administration for its foreign and domestic policies Tuesday night.

State Sen. Ernest Chambers and Merle Hansen, national chairperson of the North American Farm Alliance, also spoke at the event.

"We all have in this nuclear age a very deep responsibility and an opportunity to come together," Hansen said.

Chambers said farmers are beginning to realize they share common problems with people in cities.

"Now that we've got the farmers and the urban people at least talking to each other, we have to expand our scope and realize that the oppression that is imposed on us in this country is being used all over the world," Chambers said. "Wherever you see the American flag, you can expect to find dishonesty, oppression and racism."

The event, held at the Malone Center, was sponsored by the Women's Resource Center, the Mexican-American Student Association, Nebraskans for Peace, the Latin American Solidarity Committee, the Young Socialist Alliance, and the Afrikan People's Union.

## Student's lawsuit moves to Civil Court

A \$1,000 damage suit filed by a UNL student against a university chemistry professor has been transferred from Lincoln's Municipal Small Claims Court to Municipal Civil Court.

Leon Sanders, the plaintiff in the case, filed the complaint Sept. 19 in small claims court. The suit alleges that the defendant, Victor Day, "has conducted himself in a manner detrimental to the plaintiff."

Day filed a request Monday to move the case to civil court. He also filed a request that Sanders clarify his complaint and asked the court to dismiss the original complaint as "frivolous."

Sanders said in a telephone interview Monday that he filed the suit because of disorganization in Day's class and the failure of the professor to meet the needs of the student.

Day said Tuesday that he wasn't sure what the matter was about because the complaint made by Sanders was vague. He said Sanders did not like the way the class was conducted, but that the class had been taught in a similar manner for several years, and that he had received no complaints from other students in the class. Day termed the suit "ridiculous."

The case was originally scheduled to be presented Oct. 10 in the lower court. No new date has been set for the case in civil court.

## Lincoln workers go on ALERT

By Lauri Hopple

The city of Lincoln is on alert.

The Lincoln Water Department, Minnegasco and Cablevision, in cooperation with the Lincoln Police Department, will participate in the new All Lincoln Employee Reporting Team program.

LPD Officer Vern Campbell said the ALERT program will complement current neighborhood watch programs. Since many neighborhood residents work outside their homes during the day, city employees who are driving or walking in different housing areas will watch for suspicious activities.

LPD trains employees who use their department's or company's vehicles to watch for suspicious activities and to use radios in the vehicles to report these activities.

"The idea is nothing new," Campbell said of the ALERT program.

He said the program is patterned after a similar one in Texas, called ACE, or Austin City Employees.

Although ALERT originally was intended for city employees, Campbell said, information sent out by LPD has attracted volunteers from the private busi-

ness sector.

Minnegasco Regional Manager Clancy Woolman said his company joined the program because "we felt it was an excellent opportunity to be a good corporate citizen."

Woolman said his company's meter-readers and other employees participate in the program not only to prevent crime, but also to help with other types of emergencies.

"If we see a stoplight out or an accident, we could report it through the dispatcher," he said.

Woolman said the program will be useful because it may help cut the time lapse between the report and the arrival of police.

Minnegasco will use 84 vehicles in the project. Campbell said half of Minnegasco's employees began the program Monday and the other half will begin Thursday after training.

Cablevision has been active in the program for three weeks, Campbell said. Training of water department employees will begin later this month, he said.

Campbell said vehicles used in the program will carry ALERT bumper stickers.



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