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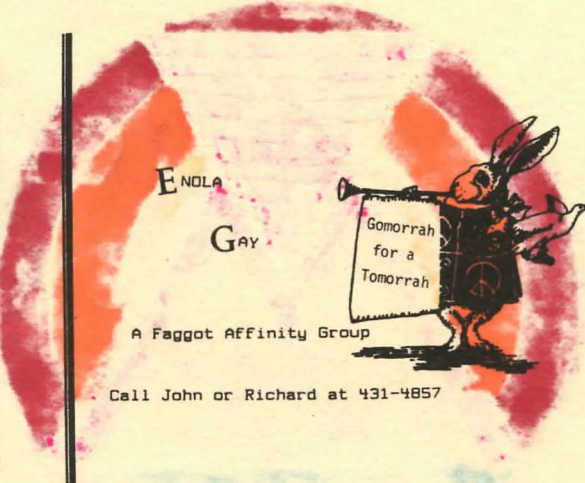
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La Brigada Victoria Mercado es un grupo de lesbianas y homosexuales haciendo trabajo contra la intervención en la America Central y en apoyo a la lucha de los pueblos por autodeterminación.

Como grupo representamos un amplio espectro de la comunidad lesbiana/homosexual en los EEUU pues nuestros miembros incluyen gente de diferentes grupos étnicos, nacionalidades, clase y afiliación política.

Como gente politizada, vemos que es nuestra responsabilidad movilizarnos y educar a nuestras comunidades y a nosotras mismas sobre la política de resistencia a la intervención en la America Central y el Caribe, y la conexión entre nuestra liberación y la liberación de los pueblos.

Nos hemos comprometido a trabajar en Nicaragua y a traer de vuelta la realidad que experimentemos como lesbianas y homosexuales.

Reconocemos el hecho de que el gobierno de Nicaragua acepta nuestra autodeterminación al recibirnos como una brigada de lesbianas y homosexuales, a la vez que tenemos claro que aquí "Gay paraíso" si un grupo de lesbianas y homosexuales de otro país quisiera venir a los EEUU se le sería negada la entrada en bases de sus preferencias sexuales.

La Brigada Victoria Mercado viajará a Nicaragua por el mes de Mayo/85 y trabajará en varios proyectos comunales en Managua y Esteli a la vez que se reunirá con diferentes grupos y organizaciones a travez de Nicaragua.

A nuestro regreso planeamos compartir con la comunidad todo lo documentado sobre nuestra experiencia en Nicaragua y tambien ampliaremos nuestro grupo a otras lesbianas y homosexuales interesados en involucrarse en este trabajo de solidaridad con la America Central y con nuestros propios intereses.

Gracias por su colaboración.

Unidos Venceremos,
Brigada Victoria Mercado

The Victoria Mercado Brigade is a group of lesbians and gay men doing solidarity work against US intervention in Central America and in support of people around the world struggling for self-determination.

We as a group represent a broad spectrum of the lesbian and gay community in the US, since our members include people from various ethnicities, class background, national origin and political affiliation. We see our responsibility as political people to mobilize and educate ourselves and our communities on the issues of non-intervention and on the importance of the links between our self-determination and the self-determination of all people. We are strongly committed to work in Nicaragua, and to bring back our firsthand knowledge about the reality we experience as open lesbians and gays. We do recognize, even before our departure, the fact that the Nicaraguan government accepts our self-determination as lesbians and gays, receiving us as such. And experience shows us that if a group of lesbians and gays from another country attempts to come to the US in solidarity with North American gays, they will be denied entrance based on their sexual preference.

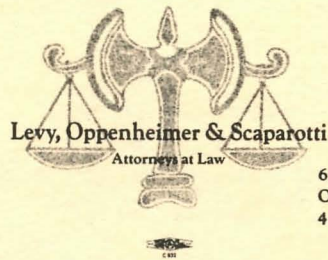
The Victoria Mercado Brigade will be in Nicaragua for the month of May working on various community projects in Managua and Esteli, and meeting with different groups and organizations throughout Nicaragua. We plan to document our experiences and upon return share them with the community at large. We also will be expanding our group to other lesbians and gays interested in helping with this work, which is so important for us all.

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