



GUERRILLAS AND GOVERNORS

EL FRENTE SANDINISTA

The Cold War era put a multitude of third world countries on the center stage of international politics, but one of the most under-appreciated conflicts was the situation in Nicaragua. After years of brutal dictatorship under the Somoza regime, the Sandinistas, a socialist party, managed to seize control over the nation, only to have to protect their newly formed government from retaliation from the US-backed Contras. This organization of prominent leaders of El Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional (FSLN) will begin in 1978, and delegates will be tasked with leading their nation through revolution. Will they manage to overthrow the Somoza regime? Will their new government thrive, or fall to the Contra rebellion? Only time will tell.

BACKGROUND GUIDE



ALESSANDRO CLARK-ANSANI

CHAIR

Alessandro (who goes by Ale) is a second year in the college double majoring in Public Policy and Political Science. In addition to staffing ChoMUN, he staffs for MUNUC, UChicago's high school conference, and competes on the UChicago MUN Team. In the sparse moments of time where Ale isn't doing MUN-related activities, he works at UChicago's Institute of Politics and serves as Vice President for UChicago's All-Male A Cappella group, Run For Cover (check them out on Spotify!). Ale was born in the US, but his family has origins in both Italy and Nicaragua, which is part of the reason he is so excited to chair this committee! If you have any questions leading up to committee, Ale is happy to answer them at alessandroga@gmail.com



RJ RUANO

CRISIS DIRECTOR

Richard Ruano (or RJ, as he goes by) is a second year studying Political Science and Human Rights. He's actually from a small town in northern Illinois; but if you ask him, he'll just say Chicago. RJ is excited to continue his MUN career by serving as the Crisis Director for *El Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional de Nicaragua*- mostly because he gets a childish thrill from pronouncing the full name. Aside from ChoMUN, RJ is a crisis chair for MUNUC (UChicago's High School conference) and also competes on UChicago's Model UN team, where he is occasionally referred to as the "team frat star". This could be because he enjoys spending a fair amount of time with his fraternity brothers (always studying, of course!). Additionally, RJ is die-hard Chicago sports fan and loves to watch international soccer. He is looking forward to meeting all of you and is hoping to make new friends as he is constantly bullied by Ale, the committee chair.

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