The Government of Nicaragua announced the appointment of Arturo Cruz and Rafael Cordova to the Governing Junta on May 18.

Arturo Cruz

A political and economic moderate, Arturo Cruz has served as head of the Central Bank of Nicaragua until his appointment yesterday as a Junta member. Cruz received his B. A. and M. A. from Georgetown and served on the staff of the International Monetary Fund immediately after his graduation. Cruz was also a major figure in negotiations leading to the formation of the Central American Common Market. He was involved in anti-Somoza activities for at least 20 years. Cruz recently served for several years as an economist with the Interamerican Development Bank in Washington.

Mr. Cruz's son, Arturo Cruz Sequeira, is currently the economic affairs counselor with the Nicaraguan Embassy in Washington.

Rafael Cordova

An attorney by profession, Mr. Cordova is a longstanding member of the Conservative Party. Cordova was a founder of the Broad Opposition Front in January 1978 which served as an umbrella organization encompassing almost all the opposition groups in Nicaragua. He was a member of the three-man mediation team which attempted to arrange a peaceful settlement between the Somoza government and the opposition.

Cordova has held a number of administrative positions in the Conservative party from 1960-1970 until joining a splinter group of the party led by his long-time friend, Pedro Joaquin Chamorro. In 1965, he served as president of the Nicaraguan Bar Association. He was the defense attorney for the Sandinista Front defendants who were tried for subversion in early 1977.