

**Message from Comrade S. Brian Willson, Hero of Solidarity, at the Press Conference of the North American Solidarity with Nicaragua.**

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**“US the Destroyer, but Stymied by the resilient Nicaraguans**

I grew up in a central New York town that was completely destroyed along with all the other Iroquois towns under General George Washington’s orders beginning in 1779. The Iroquois described Washington as the Town Destroyer.

The first US military expedition in Nicaragua was in 1853-54 when US President Pierce ordered the town of Greytown (San Juan del Norte) totally destroyed when the towns people refused to accommodate Cornelius Vanderbilt’s order to comply with his instructions to obey his needs for building a transit route across Nicaragua. The US Marines

bombarded the town for 4 hours and then the Marines landed and burned what was left. This once again, established the White colonialists contempt for local autonomy while murdering any resistors.

In Viet Nam where I was present in 1969, when all was said and done at the end of the US war, 6,000,000 peasants had been murdered with 13,000 of their 21,000 villages destroyed by bombing and ground actions, despite the fact that no Vietnamese ever threatened the United States. Massacres occurred so regularly day and night that they were normalized, considered routine activities.

Today the US continues its destructive policies, as it has never learned diplomacy. It only knows brute force or it threat, or policies like sanctions that inflict suffering on the population. The White male exceptionalism is so deeply historic, it is ingrained in the US Psyche. They don't think of alternatives unless facing a nuclear opponent.

There is little reason to believe that the collective psychosis of the US culture can even comprehend a revolutionary society committed to justice like Nicaragua. Nicaragua's resilience is an international example for global struggles against US imperialism. And its persistence stymies US policy makers.

The US historical characteristics can be described thus: crooked and cruel; destroyer and deceiver; savage and sadistic; and Violent and vindictive. Yeah for Nicaragua for defying this horrible US cultural DNA, as an example for the world.”