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On April 4, contra leader Adolfo Calero told an audience at Miami-Dade Community College's North Campus that he is not ready to return to Nicaragua to participate in elections there. "I would be more useful outside...I will decide on my own when and if I go participate in the elections, which up to the present time seem that they will be totally fraudulent." Calero described US support for the contras as "fickle, inconsistent, insufficient and totally inadequate." The contra leader spoke during a debate on US foreign policy toward Nicaragua sponsored by the school as part of its Conference on Ethics and Values in America. His opponent was journalist Karl Grossman, author of the book, "Nicaragua: America's New Vietnam?" Grossman described the contras as terrorists, and US support for them as "savagery, an ethics nightmare." According to Calero, it was more appropriate for members of the domestic opposition to carry on the struggle for democracy within Nicaragua. "If we went back, we will be looked on as trying to push aside people who have been working with the parties all this time."

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