

Negotiations Still Ahead On Arias Plan

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For Contras Crucial*
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GUATEMALA CITY, Aug. 8—A historic Central American peace plan signed here yesterday carries great potential for ending years of war in the region, but its implementation will require hard negotiating in the months to come with the attendant risk of a breakdown, according to analysts here.

If these negotiations succeed, the plan may bring peace and economic development to a region racked by military coups, death squads, insurgencies and poverty. Success would make the peace plan's principal author and motivator, Costa Rican President Oscar Arias, a likely candidate for a Nobel Peace Prize, some analysts are already saying.

If the plan fails, however, the result is likely to be further polarization, a deepening of the region's economic morass and a continuation of the bloodletting.

The major concern, now emerging in the wake of yesterday's euphoria, is that different interpretations of the agreement's major provisions could lead to impasses in the negotiations that lie ahead.

Also key to the plan's success is the acceptance of it by the United States, which is called upon to stop supplying aid to the Nicaraguan rebels in 90 days, simultaneously with the implementation of other provisions that would "democratize" Nicaragua.

President Reagan said Saturday that the United States will be "as helpful as possible" in working for peace in Central America, but he stopped short of endorsing the peace plan and said it must take into account "the interests of the Ni-

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