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Hugh Barrera, an ARENA contender for the presidency, told Laurie Becklund of *The Los Angeles Times* when she asked in April of 1982 if ARENA did not fear losing American aid by trying to shut the Christian Democrats out of the government, "Congress would not risk losing a whole country over one party. That would be turning against a U.S. ally and encouraging Soviet intervention here. It would not be intelligent." In other words, "anti-communism" was seen, correctly, as the bait the United States would always take.

Joan Didion, *Salvador*
[ARENA is a right-wing party in El Salvador]