

'Soros Shock' Up-Ends Peru Election, Proves EIR and LaRouche Were Right

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Peru's ongoing Presidential electioneering was thrown into chaos, when a leading adviser to frontrunner Alejandro Toledo withdrew his support, pulled his family out of Peru, and issued a series of blistering accusations against the candidate. Alvaro Vargas Llosa, son of prominent Peruvian writer Mario Vargas Llosa, gave an explosive hour-and-a-half interview on April 21, to the Peruvian talk show "The Sniper," in which he revealed, among other scandals, that he had arranged a meeting last year between Toledo and mega-speculator George Soros, at which the world's leading financier of drug-legalization had contributed \$1 million to Toledo, to finance his July 2000 "Four Corners March." That march, billed as a "peaceful protest" against the inauguration of then-President Alberto Fujimori's third term in office, turned into an orchestrated mob assault, which left several buildings burned and six people dead.

The meeting between Soros and Toledo had occurred late last July, during the world conference "Towards a Community of Democracies," organized by then U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, and Soros's simultaneous World Forum on Democracy, in Warsaw, Poland.

Vargas Llosa's revelations precisely confirm *EIR*'s famously public charges of one year ago.

Toledo has admitted to taking Soros' \$1 million, but insists that it was for "the struggle to defend democracy" in Peru, and not for his electoral campaign, "which would be illegal." Toledo campaign loyalist Gustavo Gorriti, who is himself a member of a Soros-financed organization of "investigative journalists," publicly confirmed that he had been at the Warsaw meeting with Soros where the \$1 million was offered, but when asked by the press in what form and to whom the money had been given, he could only say that it went "through non-traditional and very discreet channels."

Stunning though the revelations may be, coming from a former Toledo insider, they are hardly a surprise to Peruvians—or to readers of this magazine. Indeed, all last year, U.S. statesman and economist Lyndon LaRouche and his spokesmen were filling press headlines and the media airwaves in Peru with interviews denouncing precisely what

Vargas Llosa's charges suggest: that Toledo's campaign to bring down President Alberto Fujimori was an operation run through Soros and the global drug-legalization apparatus of "Project Democracy," to reinstall the drug mob in power in Peru. The widely read *Gente* magazine ran four interviews with LaRouche over a six week period, which repeatedly took up the Soros-Toledo issue. In fact, *Gente* has a major feature the week of April 23, 2001, recalling the LaRouche interviews, and tooting their own horn for that "scoop."

Putting the Drug Mob Back in Power

So familiar are Peruvians with LaRouche's charges, that *Ojo* newspaper in Lima responded to this new scandal with an article entitled "Six Questions for Toledo," which parallels *EIR*'s famous "Ten Uncomfortable Questions for Alejandro Toledo," released by Ibero-America editor Dennis Small during a much-publicized May 2000 trip to Lima.

Heading up those "Ten Uncomfortable Questions" was, "Do you share the thesis of your adviser Diego García Sayán, and of international mega-speculator George Soros, that the war on drugs must be suspended because 'it is causing more damage than drug abuse itself?'" That quote is from an open letter to UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, dated June 1, 1998, which appeared full-page in the *New York Times*, signed by some 600 international "personalities," including Peruvians García Sayán, Mario Vargas Llosa, and Javier Pérez de Cuéllar.

García Sayán is currently Justice Minister under Valentín Paniagua's caretaker government, and Pérez de Cuéllar is Prime Minister and the real "power behind the throne." A very embarrassed Mario Vargas Llosa, a Toledo supporter like the others, has been forced to publicly distance himself from his son's charges.

The second of *EIR*'s "Questions" of May 2000 was: "Do you agree with the documented pro-drug legalization posture of your adviser Diego García Sayán? If not, why do you tolerate him as your adviser? Further, why did you bring him with you to the United States, when you met with representatives of Wall Street and others, including George Soros? Do certain

circles of Wall Street have a special interest in drug legalization in Peru?"

On April 24, the nationally circulated *Ojo* daily continued to air the scandal of Soros' financing of Toledo, with a splashy front-page story on "Who Is Soros?" and an inside article entitled "Economist Lyndon LaRouche Exposes Soros's history." This article quotes LaRouche at length on Soros's dirty background as "a British agent," "a swindler," "a parasite," and "a pirate." "My advice," LaRouche is quoted, "is: Let's put Soros' kind into bankruptcy!" The article is accompanied by a photo of a wounded or dead person lying on the street in the aftermath of Toledo's violent demonstration, captioned: "Contribution: Soros supported Four Corners March."

What has still to surface in the Toledo-Soros scandal, is the fact that the man who first introduced Toledo to Soros, is García Sayán, who, as the current Justice Minister of Peru, is heading up the persecution of the anti-drug, anti-terrorism networks of the overthrown Fujimori government. García Sayán's entire career has been dedicated to the international promotion of drug legalization and limited sovereignty, and

he deploys hand-in-glove with Soros's machine. Both personally and as Executive Director of the Andean Commission of Jurists, García Sayán has not only worked with the non-governmental organization Human Rights Watch, which is funded by Soros, but he also works closely with Ethan Nadelmann, president of the Soros-funded Lindesmith Center for drug legalization. He even invited Nadelmann to Lima in July 1993, to address an Andean Commission of Jurists forum on drug legalization.

Just one week before the Vargas Llosa revelations, a preemptive effort was made to try to discredit LaRouche's authority on the Soros-Toledo connections, by presenting all criticisms of Soros as "anti-Semitic." On April 19, the Peruvian daily *Expreso* published a Letter to the Editor from one Eduardo Bigio, head of the Jewish Community of Peru, as it calls itself. In the context of answering an anti-Semitic article which had appeared several days earlier in *Expreso*, Bigio leapt to the defense of Soros and willfully lied about LaRouche. *EIR* bureau chief in Lima, Luis Vásquez Medina, sent a response to *Expreso*'s editors, which we reproduce in the accompanying box.

EIR Responds to Slander in Peru

To the Editor:

In your April 19, 2001 edition, you published a letter to the editor signed by Eduardo Bigio, which reads as if it were drafted either outside Peru, or by a totally ignorant person—at least in that part of the letter which repeats a string of transparent lies with regard to Lyndon H. LaRouche, the founder of *Executive Intelligence Review* magazine and an announced 2004 U.S. Presidential candidate.

As anyone who knows the situation in Peru is aware, and as could have been easily verified, LaRouche is not "serving a jail sentence" in the United States at this time, as Bigio falsely asserts. In the last year, LaRouche participated in two much-publicized Lima seminars on the world financial crisis, by live video-conference hook up.

Similarly, Mr. LaRouche is, of course, not an "anti-Semite," as anyone remotely familiar with his policies and outlook well knows.

We share Mr. Bigio's distaste for the overtones of anti-Semitism in the article by Pedro Amado Palacio, which he wrote to complain about. But we were surprised and dumbfounded to read that he used this as an excuse, not only to slander LaRouche, but also to leap to the defense

of George Soros, whom he describes favorably as "a U.S. Jewish financier and philanthropist." Is Mr. Bigio not aware of Soros's famous interview with CBS television on Dec. 20, 1998, where he admitted that, as a youth in wartime Nazi-occupied Hungary, he had "helped in the confiscation of property from the Jews," while pretending not to be Jewish himself?

EIR has repeatedly attacked Soros, on two main points:

1. He is a leading financial speculator, who has played a major role in the destruction of entire nations, in Southeast Asia and elsewhere.

2. He is the world's leading financier of drug legalization, and as such, sponsored an open letter to UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, calling for drug legalization—which letter was signed by Justice Minister Diego García Sayán and Prime Minister Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, among others. Now it turns out, that Soros gave \$1 million directly to Presidential candidate Alejandro Toledo to further his cause. At that time, Toledo's main adviser was García Sayán, who arranged the first meeting between Toledo and Soros.

On both of these points, Soros serves the global strategic interests of the British financial oligarchy, and the Queen of England in particular—being one of her personal bankers.

Whose interests is Mr. Bigio serving by putting his signature on a tired slander of LaRouche, and a timely defense of Soros?

Sincerely,

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