

# Central America: September fuse

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Every single country in Central America is now being actively destabilized, with the chaos in each converging on an areawide blowout sometime in September.

Cross-checked intelligence reports from Mexico City and Washington, D.C. confirm that the destabilizations are being executed on both the "right" and the "left" by a small cabal of Jesuits and Socialist International leaders, with crucial support from U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig. One of the control centers for this operation is the Jesuit Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., the headquarters of Haig's mentor, Henry Kissinger.

This grouping is orchestrating both leftist revolts and a round of rightist "preemptive military coups, with the objective of turning Central America into a new Middle East of explosive instability on the eve of the Oct. 22 Cancún summit of heads of government.

In addition to surrounding that summit with an environment of chaos, in which their policies of global depopulation and deindustrialization can be put through, the old oligarchic interests that run both the Jesuits and the Socialist International are particularly targeting Mexico for destabilization. Mexico, the host for Cancún, is a leader of Third World nations demanding the right to industrialize, and is a major obstacle to the oligarchy's zero-growth objectives.

Over the past weeks, three high-level operatives for the oligarchy have descended on Central America and Mexico like vultures to orchestrate the chaos.

The first to land was **Father Theodore Hesburgh** of the University of Notre Dame, who at the end of July visited Mexico and Panama to activate Church and other radical networks for the planned destabilizations (see *EIR*, Aug. 18). Hesburgh is on the board of directors of Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan Bank, the Council on Foreign Relations, the Overseas Development Council, and the Rockefeller Foundation, and is close friends with the area's leading Catholic radicals.

Second was **Ramsey Clark**, the former U.S. Attorney General-turned-guru, who led street demonstrations in Teheran in 1979 in support of Ayatollah Khomeini.

Clark arrived in Mexico on Aug. 4, where he has an extensive apparatus of human rights activists and terrorist supporters who are trying to destabilize the López Portillo government. Clark used the occasion to warn Mexico that it should stop industrializing, or it would suffer the fate of Iran, and dropped in on a quiet conference in Guanajuato, Mexico, where a small gathering of Latin American radicals discussed how to further the cause of "revolution" in Central America.

But perhaps the most significant trip of all was that of Socialist French Foreign Minister **Claude Cheysson** to Mexico, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Honduras in early August. Sources familiar with Central America have described the strategy of the Socialist International for the area as that of "lighting small fires in order to contain the big fire" of a possible nuclear showdown between the Soviet Union and the United States, i.e., to destabilize everything in sight! Secretary of State Haig, who has well-known links to the Socialist International, has developed a special expertise in clearing his Socialist colleagues of all responsibility for chaos in Central America, by blaming everything that happens there on the U.S.S.R.

Cheysson puffed the Mitterrand government of France as the best friend of the area's revolutionaries, to the point that Nicaragua's foreign minister, Maryknoll Father Miguel D'Escoto, cooed that "Mitterrand's government is able to understand our revolution."

Indicative of the new French method was Cheysson's stop in Costa Rica, as that country was in the midst of a battle with the IMF over debt repayment. Cheysson presented himself as Costa Rica's trusted friend and ally against the "bad" IMF, and after leaving the country, happily pronounced that all of Central America was "bankrupt." If the crisis is not "resolved in a satisfactory way," he proclaimed—meaning through the mediation of the Socialist International and the Brandt Commission—"then the whole area will be another Middle East."

As these vultures were crisscrossing Central America, Panama's strongman Gen. Omar Torrijos died in a mysterious air crash on July 31. Although no solid evidence has yet been produced publicly, area insiders are convinced that Torrijos was murdered.

Torrijos's death creates an enormous political vacuum inside Panama, which many observers believe could open the door to renewed conflict around the issue of the Panama Canal. But the probable motive for his assassination lies in his reported recent resistance to the idea of launching a full-scale insurrection in the area. "Torrijos had become an obstacle," reported a Jesuit priest at the mentioned Guanajuato gathering, smugly adding, "and both the right and left were well aware of that fact."

Torrijos's death may well serve as the signal for the two sides to launch their respective assaults. The following country-by-country survey indicates the current level of activation of this "September scenario."