

Harrimanites reveal their plans to crush Mexico

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“Just as Russia has at various times seized pieces of Poland . . . so have American troops been seen wandering Mexico. . . . One can argue that the days of American troops in Mexico are over, but the argument is unlikely to be true.”

These threats were issued by Lester Thurow, an official economic advisor to Charles Manatt's Democratic National Committee and a spokesman for the Averell Harriman wing of the Democratic Party. Thurow's interview appeared in the June 14 issue of *Newsweek*, whose publisher is Harriman associate Katherine Graham.

Thurow's statements confirm the accuracy of the warning made by *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche in Mexico in late May that the Harriman policy for Mexico does not stop at demands for new devaluations of the peso, attempting to force Mexico into abandoning development of its industry in favor of the “free-trade” approach, and inciting Khomeini-style upheaval. “Invasion of the Mexican oilfields, under conditions of Middle East crisis,” is on the planning board, as LaRouche warned at a May 26 press conference in Mexico City.

New openings for depopulation strategy

Thurow and other Harriman Democrats are now coming forward publicly with their proposals, now that Washington's backing for Britain's colonial war in the South Atlantic has thrown Latin America policy to the

winds. Ronald Reagan came into office with the promise to rebuild relations with the region after the Carter years—which were exemplified by Zbigniew Brzezinski's insistence that the administration would tolerate “no new Japans on our southern border.” That hope has been pulverized, thanks to Alexander Haig's success in convincing the President to support British policy in the Southern Hemisphere.

Harriman and other leading anglophilic Democrats like former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance are complicit with Haig in British efforts to undermine the potential for the United States to recapture the goal of developing the so-called Third World. Their intent is to force murderous levels of austerity upon the developing sector, not only to gouge out the latter's debt payments to international lending institutions, and eliminate nation-building leaders, but to lock the United States itself into the policy of crushing and depopulating its erstwhile allies.

Thurow, whose Malthusian temperament is elaborated in his book *The Zero-Sum Society*, spelled out the Harriman formula for austerity in Mexico and the sealing of the U.S.-Mexican border. “The Mexican economy is in deep trouble. The currency has just been devalued 45 percent to bring the balance of payments back into something resembling balance, and further devaluations may be needed. . . . [The] debts can be repaid only by taking goods and services away from the



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Iran-style insurgency is planned for Mexico.

average Mexican citizen and selling them in international markets. But this means lowering the already low Mexican standard of living," he concludes in the article complacently.

As for Mexican immigration to America, Thurow says that, "Americans are not apt to put up with current levels of immigration for long in the midst of our economic difficulties. . . . when [Mexico's] social safety valve closes, as it inevitably will, economic and social pressures are apt to build rapidly within Mexico." Thurow does not cite the oilfields as the prize to be captured in sending the Marines back to "the Halls of Montezuma"; he cloaks the expedition in national security terms once leftist-led unrest has reached the boiling point. "America puts up with Castro in Cuba because he runs a small island country," he writes; "America is unlikely to put up with similar circumstances in a large country of 72 million people sharing a common undefended border extending over 1,000 miles."

The strategists behind Thurow

"Thurow is very popular now," declared Ted Van Dyck, director of the Center for National Policy, the official think tank of the liberal nexus of the Democratic Party which works intimately with the Democratic National Committee. The Center is setting up a task force on U.S. policy toward Mexico in order to "build

a consensus" around Thurow's policies.

The Center was set up by a number of people from the Carter administration that was responsible for the *Global 2000 Report*, which looks toward a reduction of world population by 2 billion at the end of the century. These include former secretaries of State Cyrus Vance and Ed Muskie, former Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal, former White House counsel Lloyd Cutler, and former Labor Secretary Ray Marshall. The Vice-Chairman is Cyrus Vance, the man who, as *EIR* has documented, ran the behind-the-scenes preparations for installing the Khomeini regime in Iran, to wreck its industrializing efforts and tilt the region toward disintegration.

The Center's policy toward Mexico was spelled out by Van Dyck in a recent interview. "One of the problems with Mexico is that they are doing little to implement population planning. The unemployed and surplus labor is coming to the U.S. and we have reached a saturation point. . . . I can see the need for enhanced border patrols.

"Then there is the question of the stewardship of their oil—the money from it has gone into the hands of the rich, and there has not been wise planning. The politics there must be changed too—it is rife with corruption and inequities. The Mexican President will have to adhere to belt-tightening."

The CCIR and Congress

Thurow was applauded by a leading member of the Citizens Committee for Immigration Reform, which includes on its board Averell Harriman's wife Pamela. (Pamela Harriman is also the mother of Winston Churchill III, a British Tory leader who during the height of the fighting over the Malvinas demanded that the British bomb the Argentinian mainland.) "Thurow is a very intelligent man," declared the spokesman for the group. "I respect his views."

The Harriman group, which also includes on its board Cyrus Vance and Robert McNamara, former World Bank President and architect of the Vietnam war, is lobbying for passage of the Immigration Reform and Control Act, the immigration bill introduced by Sen. Alan Simpson (R-Wyo.) and Rep. Romano Mazzoli (D-Ky.)

This legislation would put severe penalties on employers who knowingly hire undocumented workers and would set up a system of identifying legal workers that could mean establishment of a national I.D. work-card system. "Simpson shudders at the term 'work card'" said his aide, because it smacks of a police state. The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee in early June. Simpson is pressing for a full Senate vote within a month, and Mazzoli has been pushing hard for House Committee action on the bill.