

Editorial

How to defend the nation-state

Recent initiatives by the Indian and Venezuelan governments, which *EIR* reports in this issue, show that the long struggle of the republican movement to establish nation-states in order to advance the principle of technological progress is still alive. So, too, are the oligarchist forces which would wreck the nation and impose "one-world government" over scattered tribes, as a means of stamping out such progress.

It is urgent that the so-called advanced Western nations re-learn the principles of the defense of our sovereign nation-states against the same enemies that menace the underdeveloped sector.

In Venezuela, a government report "leaked" to the press on Aug. 8 and 9 exposes the consummately evil networks of anthropologists, "missionaries," United Nations institutes, and Marxist front groups, all of them with strings back to the old Western European ruling oligarchies and monarchies, for plotting to turn over more than a quarter of Venezuela's national territory to foreign interests. The cover for the conspiracy, the Venezuelan government proved in its report, is the "national liberation" of backward Indian tribes living in the Amazon region.

Simultaneously, in a speech given in early August in an Indian state parliament, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi sharply disputed the notion that there can be "nations" with legitimate "national" aspirations within the Indian nation itself. She noted that in some communist countries, and in Marxist parlance generally, the word *nationalities* is used to denote ethnic communities, but in India, the Prime Minister insisted, "There is no question of there being different nationalities. We are all one nation; we are all Indian citizens, and, as I understand it, the word *nationality* means different citizenship."

For India, the issue has been sharpened by the waves of communalist violence aimed at the dismemberment of India—violence which is manipulated with equal cynicism by Soviet and Western oligarchist interests.

The crucial point made by the Venezuelan government report, in evaluating the proposal for a Yanomami Indian Reservation, is that such "separatist" schemes,

concocted by foreign anthropologists and other interested meddlers, go directly contrary to the development, indeed survival, of the targeted ethnic groups. Venezuela rightly compares the proposed reservation to the hideous Bantustans of South Africa, and denounces the practical results of such plans as "removing from them any possibility of enjoying the benefits of scientific and technological advances which the rest of humanity enjoys"—such as a life expectancy of greater than 30 years!

It is most lawful that the fomenters of "separatist" violence have been discovered to get their orders largely from the Swiss financial oligarchy. *EIR* has previously documented Swiss direction of separatist insurrections in India. The Venezuelan report exposes such Swiss-based organizations as the World Council of Churches, the Berne-Geneva Ethnology Institute, and various United Nations agencies.

Now, on behalf of the same Swiss financiers, International Monetary Fund director Jacques De Larosière has demanded that the depression-ridden advanced sector economies must slash public services and raise taxes, imposing the same IMF "conditionalities" that have unleashed genocide in the Third World on the industrialized nations. And the Swiss backers of De Larosière are ready to clean up after the U.S. dollar is bankrupted, a few months down the road.

Urgent measures to reorganize bankrupt international credit and financial institutions, including returning the dollar to a gold-reserve standard, and starting a capital goods export drive, as proposed by Lyndon LaRouche, are the means to avert the collapse of our economies the Swiss are threatening to bring on. We must adopt such measures in conjunction with the nations of Western Europe and Ibero-America, which are the identified targets of the IMF's anti-human usury.

Venezuela and India's leaders have not been afraid to say that there is a conspiracy against human progress, and that the principle of national sovereignty is the key to defeating it. To band together *as sovereign nations* to defeat such foes is the meaning of Friedrich Schiller's self-description, "patriot and world citizen."