

Vatican by Augustinus

TFP condemned by Church in Brazil

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Upon his arrival in Brazil, Cardinal Agnelo Rossi practically equated the brainwashing practices of the Tradition, Family, and Property (TFP) to the results of decades of indoctrination by the "Theology of Liberation" in Ibero-America. He denounced the fruits of the latter, as "a decadence of theology, depreciated into sociology; a true brainwashing."

His denunciations are part of a recent offensive by the Catholic Church against these two Gnostic cults propagated by the oligarchy, which have taken root in Brazil.

Cardinal Rossi, who is of Brazilian origin, represented the Vatican at the funeral of President Tancredo Neves, and he currently occupies the position of prefect for the administration of the patrimony of the Holy See. On May 28 he gave a press conference to present his piece, "Truths, Errors, and Dangers of the Theology of Liberation," a solid denunciation of the dark-age character of this credo. In this writing he pointed to the dictators Qaddafi and Khomeini "as examples of the 'liberationist' genre."

The cardinal also asked for reforms "of the unjust national and international structures," since otherwise "the misery and famine which Latin America is living through" will not find any prompt solution. Before personally making his work known, he had it circulated at the 23rd Assembly of the National Conference of Bra-

zilian Bishops (CNDB), through the Cardinal of Rio de Janeiro, Eugenio Salles, a well-known enemy of the TFP, the "Theology of Liberation," and other cults.

The same assembly formally condemned Tradition, Family, and Property for "its esoteric character, its religious fanaticism. . . . We exhort Catholics not to enroll in TFP nor collaborate with it," concluded the bishops. Thus, the TFP was condemned in the same country where it maintains its general headquarters and where one of the oligarchical families that sponsor it, the Braganças, live. This fact is in itself of equal magnitude to the expulsion of the TFP from Venezuela late last year.

The offensive against Liberationist theology—the current which has succeeded in winning control over a vast sector of the Brazilian Catholic Church, the most powerful on the continent—reasserted itself with a warning from John Paul II in person. Upon receiving the Brazilian bishops of Belém and Manaus, who were making their traditional visit to Rome, the Pope warned them of the dangers of accepting "misunderstood pluralism and the tyranny of fashionable ideologies."

Already on March 21, the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith had publicly censured one of the books of a top representative of "Liberation Theology," the Franciscan Leonardo Boff. Last Sept. 7, after

being received in Rome in the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Boff gave an interview claiming that he and the Pope were "moving together toward the year 2000." Events have proved him far off the mark.

The Vatican even condemned Boff to a year of absolute silence, which caused a great uproar among the Liberationists, including an ostentatious defense of Boff by Cardinal Evaristo Arns, the bishop of Sao Paulo. Boff "is my personal friend," he declared. But even so, Boff's book, by order of the Church, was taken off the shelves of all the Catholic bookstores.

Boff's irrationality, his hatred for industrial progress and national sovereignty, has infected various political sectors of Brazil, especially a large number of unions belonging to the PT labor federation led by Luis Ignacio Dasilva, known as "Lula." Lula's craziness reached the extreme of threatening to destroy the auto plants where workers are currently on strike.

As *EIR* has shown, the political deployment of the so-called ultraleft and ultraright is controlled by the same European titled families. We only wish to report here a letter sent to Cardinal Arns, Boff's protector, published in the newspaper *Folha de São Paulo* on May 3, which up to now no one has taken the trouble to deny:

"Finally the CNDB condemned the TFP and asked Catholics not to support the sect of Dr. Plínio Corrêa de Oliveira. What I have never understood is how years ago Cardinal Arns—who is so progressive—ordered Father José Luis Villac to officiate at a traditionalist mass in the mysterious chapels of the TFP, erected by license of whom, no one knows. How does one explain this? The most leftist cardinal of the country gives a little assistance to the sect which theoretically should be its enemy. Strange bedfellows!"