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The cannibal factor

PRI presidential candidate Salinas de Gortari has surrounded himself with disciples of the French school of "cannibal socialism."

A nest of socialist agents on the campaign team of Carlos Salinas de Gortari, presidential candidate of the ruling PRI party, is the subject of intense scrutiny on the part of political and media circles—the result of a study document commissioned by the Mexican Catholic Church for circulation and discussion at its Oct. 31 Bishops' Conference. That paper, written by Alfonso G. Bravo Mier and entitled "Profile of Salinas," comments upon the influence of "French socialism" on the ideology of the man slated to be the next President of Mexico.

Referred to by the Mexican press as "the bishops' document," Bravo Mier's report emphasizes the case of José Córdoba Montoya, born in France of Spanish parents, who "was the main adviser to [French President François Mitterrand], and is now the chief of the PRI candidate's advisers." The document reviews the links of Salinas de Gortari with French socialists, dating back to his Harvard years of 1973, 1976 and 1978, "years in which various Frenchmen belonging to the so-called 'school of rigor' lodged at that study center."

The true nature of Córdoba Montoya's "socialism" can be more specifically defined. In the mid-1970s, Córdoba Montoya worked closely with the head of Mitterrand's advisory team, Jacques Attali, whose book *The Cannibal Order* became a best-seller among French existentialists, and triggered a psychotic wave of "youth cannibalism" in the early 1980s.

Coming out of the leadership of

the French Socialist Party and Algerian Nazi-communist circles around exiled former Algerian President Ahmed Ben Bella, Attali's "anthropological" notion that the Christian sacrament of Communion is a carryover of ancient practices of cannibalism, situates him in the satanic gnostic tendency of Jacques Soustelle, whose works inspired Peru's Shining Path terrorists, among others.

"To eat another in order to live is the human strategy against evil," says Attali in his book. Cannibalism is "the first of the therapeutics," he adds. "In a world of misery and fear, far from being the madness of men, the eating of life is a sign of immense wisdom, an excellent means of finding proteins, of inoculating oneself against certain diseases. It is also an excellent means of getting rid of collective hysteria about the world's dangers."

Attali's book is not an anthropological study of the past. It is a proposal for a new fascist order, in a world governed by the austerity conditionalities imposed by the International Monetary Fund on the underdeveloped debtor nations.

It is no accident that Attali's disciple Córdoba Montoya is identified in the Mexican press as a "neo-liberal monetarist." He is notorious for publishing articles in the newspaper *La Jornada* defending the Mexican strategy of loyalty to the creditor banks—the strategy which has led to crushing austerity, industrial collapse, hunger, and the outbreak of epidemic disease in Mexico in the last year.

Córdoba was "recruited" to the team of Carlos Salinas de Gortari by Francisco Gil Díaz, the former director of income policy at the finance ministry who, together with Francisco Suárez Dávila, the current deputy minister of finance, proposed the use of Mexico's reserves to "buy" part of the country's foreign debt at the "market price." This is the new looting phase proposed by the bankers, as revealed by Thomas Enders, executive director of the Salomon Brothers investment house, to the Argentina daily *La Nación* of Oct. 31.

Not accidentally, this is also the "new and brilliant" idea of the Socialist prime minister of Spain, Felipe González, offered during his recent tour of Ibero-America. Córdoba Montoya is a personal friend of Felipe González.

Significantly, the document circulated at the Mexican Bishops' Conference points out that the socialists within Salinas de Gortari's team, controlled by Córdoba Montoya, are the heirs of the late social democrat Jesús Reyes Heróles, "the last ideologue of the Mexican political system."

Particularly noteworthy in this nest of gnostics is Otto Granados Roldán, the current secretary of information and propaganda of the PRI; Patricio Chirinos Calero, the PRI's electoral secretary; Miguel López Azuara, Otto Granados's lieutenant; and others in various positions of control of the PRI machinery and of various ministries, such as Manuel Camacho Solís, urban development and ecology minister.

Possibly confused by the combination of "liberal" economics with the "socialist" ideology of Salinas's "cannibal faction," the authors of the Church document defined the PRI presidential candidate's beliefs as "Jacobin liberalism mixed with socialism."