

## EIR Feature

# Brazilians ready to fight Bush's 'new world order'

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A series of events took place in the Brazilian National Congress during the third week in August, which served to alert the nation to the Anglo-American plan to "internationalize" the resource-rich Brazilian Amazon. Opposition to this insane colonialist ambition, originally centered in the institution of the Armed Forces, has now extended to other sectors such as the Congress, a group of Amazon governors, and other representative civilian sectors.

Intersecting this growing climate of resistance, was the testimony given on Aug. 20 by *EIR*'s correspondent Lorenzo Carrasco before the Chamber of Deputies Congressional Commission of Inquiry on "Internationalization of the Amazon." Carrasco presented evidence that *EIR* has gathered on the real danger threatening Brazilian sovereignty, in the context of the fascist "new world order" promoted by President George Bush. According to the daily *Correio Brasiliense* of Aug. 21, Carrasco's testimony will now be widely circulated within government and military layers. *Correio* cites commission head Deputy Atila Lins: "Given the gravity of these facts, I have decided to send a copy of the testimony to the head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Armed Forces, to the military ministers, to the justice minister and to the foreign affairs minister. After it is analyzed by the Congressional Commission of Inquiry, the journalist's presentation will be incorporated into the records of the commission for its final conclusions."

*Correio* itself reports that Carrasco's testimony "caused a powerful impact on the members of that body of the Chamber of Deputies," above all his warning that "international ecologist campaigns which seek to limit sovereignties over the Amazon region are leaving behind the propaganda phase, to begin an operational phase which could definitively lead to direct military interventions in the region."

Over the next two days, testimony was presented to the same congressional commission by Air Force Minister Socrates da Costa Monteiro, and by Army Minister Carlos Tinoco. Notably, both ministers independently denounced former U.S. Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, also a prominent member of the

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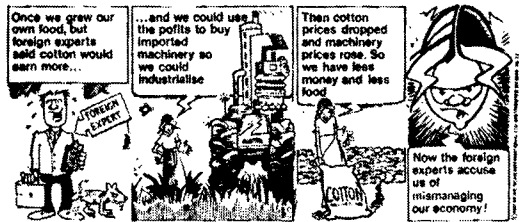
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## Malaysia threatens to stay away

THE Malaysian news agency Bernama reported on Friday that the country's foreign minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, has threatened to boycott the 1992 "Earth Summit" in Geneva, Switzerland, unless the United Nations Security Council takes action against the "terrorists" who are threatening to start a war over nature in Malaysia.

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Sample headlines mark the growing Third World revolt against imperialism of the 1992 "Earth Summit": (Clockwise from top left) Crosscurrents, Aug. 19-20, an independent newspaper at the U.N. Conference on Environment and Development in Geneva, "Malaysia Threatens to Stay Away." New Straits Times (Malaysia), Aug. 17, "Terrorists' Start War Over Nature." The Star (Malaysia) Aug. 13, "Dr M: The West Is Trying to Re-colonize Us." Correio Brasiliense, Aug. 21, "Mexican Sees Ecology as Weapon Against Amazonia." Tribuna da Imprensa (Brazil), Aug. 21, "Plot Against Amazonia." Jornal do Comercio (Brazil), Aug. 21, "Military Will Go to War to Defend Amazonia."



## 'Terrorists' start war over nature

The illegal demonstrations on July 5 by eight Western self-proclaimed environmentalists in Sarawak highlight the escalating campaign against Malaysia and its logging industry, KOSSELLO A. MALINDO, who examines the assault on Malaysia by the Westerners, contends that the environmentalists are not letting the truth.

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Anglo-American establishment, for promoting a colonial plan to dismantle Ibero-America's armed forces, and for seeking to create a supranational government under the auspices of the United Nations Security Council.

"Reduce what?" Air Force Minister da Costa Monteiro asked. "We are only 320,000 men. We all fit in a football stadium," he asserted. Army Minister Tinoco warned that the internationally touted "new world order" represented a search by "the United States of America for world supremacy."

"The pressures we are suffering with regard to the Amazon, all disguised under various pretexts, are sharply felt. And most recently, we see the proposal of Mr. McNamara for the armed forces of Third World countries to be replaced by a supranational armed forces," Minister Tinoco said.

### Against French socio-colonialism

Minister da Costa Monteiro stated, "We have witnessed speculations within the international community on the thesis of 'Brazil's limited sovereignty over the Amazon,' under the banner of ecology and the purported protection of Indian communities; a thesis defended not by journalists, but by heads of state and U.S. senators." This strong statement by a national minister was an allusion to the socio-colonialist ideas of French President François Mitterrand, defended since at least 1989 when, at the Conference on Ecology at The Hague, he urged the creation of a supranational body to evaluate the behavior of governments on environmental matters.

The minister went on to offer a brief historic summary

of the cyclical threats his country has faced regarding the Amazon, and noted that things today are much worse due to the involvement of "the developed countries which . . . are orchestrating a global campaign for the purpose of proving that Brazil is incapable of dealing with the problems of the Amazon jungle."

The ferment in defense of national sovereignty over the Amazon was also reflected in Minister da Costa Monteiro's denunciations of the international financial institutions for having made any new credit conditional upon Brazil's acceptance of a debt-for-nature scheme. "The lush Amazon tropics was the first target. And the world set its sights on it as if all atrocities against nature were carried out there. International banks are thinking of tying all loans to Brazil to a concrete government policy of environmental preservation in that region," he said.

He added that the international community is being subjected to a kind of "brainwashing," to accept the fraud of the greenhouse effect as a scientific fact, which has redounded in the form of political pressures against Brazil.

The Armed Forces' evaluation with respect to defense of national sovereignty in the Amazon is unanimous. In his Aug. 21 testimony to the congressional commission, Army Minister Tinoco presented his evaluation of the role the Army has played in the country's republican history, as well as of the necessity of expanding its operational capacity in the Amazon region with the building among others, of the "Calha Norte" project, which includes airports, schools, and a sys-

tem of highways.

Earlier, on Aug. 19, the head of the General Staff of the Armed Forces, Gen. Antonio Luiz Veneu, declared that the powerful developed nations have a strategy of teaching Brazil to "administer" its wealth, as indicated by the mid-July meeting of the Group of Seven nations in London. The offensive is sufficiently real, he said, that "if necessary, we will go to war" to defend the Amazon.

### First man, then the crocodiles

During the debate following *EIR*'s testimony to the congressional commission, those deputies present drew attention to the philosophical principles behind the ecology movement, spearheaded by the pagan beliefs of Britain's Prince Charles according to whom human and animal life have the same value.

"With ecological fervor, there is an inversion of values which atrophies the very concept that man was created in the image and likeness of God. We have reached the absurd point where it is prohibited to chop down a tree. One cannot put the crocodile ahead of man," insisted Deputy João Fagundes, member of the Defense Commission of the Chamber of Deputies.

The political battle against this and other aberrations of the international eco-fascist lobby, enthusiastically supported by Environment Secretary José Lutzenberger, was launched by the governor of Amazonas state Gilberto Mestrinho, who proceeds on the basis that the worst pollution in Brazil is misery and lack of development. He has announced plans to produce a poster showing a human being with the slogan, "Protect this species facing extinction!"

In early August, a group of governors from the Amazon region met to unify their positions regarding the U.N.-sponsored international conference on Environment and Development, or Eco-92, to be held next year in Rio de Janeiro. Eco-92 is being planned by the Anglo-American oligarchy as a major assault on Brazilian sovereignty.

The goal of attending Eco-92 with a single viewpoint representing the national interest was also embraced by Army Minister Tinoco, during his presentation to the Congressional Commission of Inquiry. According to press reports, the standpoint arrived at during the governors' meeting was that of Governor Mestrinho, one diametrically opposed to the government's environmental report prepared according to Lutzenberger's guidelines, which was to have been presented at Eco-92 as Brazil's official position but which now—in view of the polemic it has triggered—will likely be ditched.

### Ecologists feeling defensive

The foreign assault against Brazil has awakened very sensitive nationalist tendencies, as evidenced by recent scathing attacks on the ecology movement written by author Gerardo Mello Mourao (see *EIR*, Aug. 23). This nationalist reaction, according to the Aug. 23 issue of *Correio Bra-*

## Lutzenberger makes protest to *EIR*

*EIR*'s correspondent in Brazil, Lorenzo Carrasco, received a surprising phone call on the afternoon of Aug. 27, from Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, from a person who identified himself as Environment Minister José Lutzenberger. In an irate tone, the minister attempted to defend himself from accusations made by Carrasco in an article published in the March 8, 1991 issue of *EIR*, "Brazil's Lutzenberger's Green Fascism: Return to the Stone Age." The article had described Lutzenberger as an agent of the Anglo-Americans' "green" oligarchy, intent on imposing the new world order's ecology dictates on Brazil. Lutzenberger's reaction reflects the impact of Carrasco's Aug. 20 testimony before the Congress, when he denounced the British royal family as one of the primary forces behind the international ecology movement.

Carrasco confronted the minister with the evidence of his own writings, which equate human population growth with the proliferation of bacteria colonies; Lutzenberger could only reply defensively that this was "poetic metaphor." Lutzenberger, who disagreed with Carrasco that human life is preeminent over the rest of creation, and that the British royalty's belief to the contrary was a perversion, refused the correspondent's invitation to hold a public debate on their disagreements.

*siliense*, has prompted the leader of Brazil's ecology movement, Deputy Fabio Feldmann, to convene "all environmentalist agencies for a counteroffensive against the rumor being spread that Eco-92 will represent a threat to Brazilian sovereignty. According to Feldmann, this negative campaign has expressed itself through articles published in the national media and in statements like those of Mexican journalist Lorenzo Carrasco on the internationalization of the Amazon."

Despite growing recognition of the face of Brazil's enemy—foreign and domestic—resistance to the "new order" has failed to take definitive form because it lacks an urgent economic program that would be compatible with the defense of national sovereignty. Insisting on pursuing a monetarist program, desperately seeking agreements with the collapsed international financial system which is the very heart of Bush's new world order, is incompatible with a serious defense of those historic institutions which are committed to creating a national awareness in defense of sovereignty.