

Mexican Masons, PRI lose big in battle against LaRouche

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The Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite Freemasons made fools of themselves when they accused Lyndon LaRouche of financing Mexico's Party of the Democratic Revolution (PRD), headed by Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas. The accusation against LaRouche was made by Congressman Amador Rodríguez Lozano of the ruling Revolutionary Institutional Party (PRI), from the podium of the National Congress on March 17, but it is widely suspected that he was only carrying out orders from above.

Declared Rodríguez Lozano, "We have information that [the PRD] is receiving money from various organizations in the United States: from the Mexican Alliance, headquartered in Oakland, California; from the Chicano-Mexican Movement headquartered in Los Angeles; from the Committee to Support Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas, also in Los Angeles, and from the United States Labor Committees, the latter headed by Lyndon LaRouche."

One day earlier, the president of the Confederation of Masonic Organizations of Mexico, Mario Vázquez Rangel, had told the daily *Unomásuno* that the PRD had been subsidized by drug traffickers, including the California cartel, as well as by such "morally discredited" institutions in the United States as "the Democratic and Labor Parties," the Cohen multinational, and the organization of the Reverend Moon. The "Labor Party" Vázquez Rangel mentioned was presumably a reference to the Labor Committees. Vázquez Rangel then met with PRI President Génaro Borrego, and assured him that his information had come "by way of the 61 Masonic lodges in the United States."

But less than a week later, after LaRouche's denial of these outrageous charges had come to dominate national politics and the role of the Masonry and its relationship to the PRI had been exposed, the leadership of the PRI was forced to back off from its accusations and the head of the party, Génaro Borrego, was unceremoniously dumped from his post.

'Astonishing accusations'

The charge against LaRouche was transmitted by national television networks Televisa and Imevision, on March 17 and 19, as well as by the majority of the national press. Within less than 24 hours, LaRouche responded from his jail cell, with a press release published by many of Mexico's newspapers on March 19 (see *Documentation*). "I am astonished that anyone in an informed position in Mexico, would

have been credulous enough to believe such a far-fetched and improbable story," said LaRouche, explaining that "it is well known that Mr. Cárdenas and the PRD have associated themselves with certain left-wing international forces which I abhor and which have been, together with the former Soviet Union itself, responsible for the successful demand upon the U.S. government that the U.S. government imprison me as a precondition for a certain agreement between the U.S. government and the Gorbachov group in Moscow."

"Under those circumstances," he concluded, "I certainly would not be even remotely suspected, by any well-informed and rational person, of funding the political endeavors in which Mr. Cárdenas has been currently and recently engaged."

However, the key part of LaRouche's response was only published in the March 21 edition of the magazine *Proceso*: LaRouche "attributed the accusation . . . to U.S. masonic groups with whom he is battling over the erection of a statue to Ku Klux Klan founder Gen. Albert Pike," reported *Proceso*. "LaRouche said that the group which put out the story—the Southern Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite Freemasonry—is not only his enemy 'but also that of Mexico.'"

LaRouche's attack on Freemasonry landed like a bombshell, given that the history of Masonry's perverse betrayal of Mexico has been documented by numerous Mexican historians, above all by Catholics. For example, research carried out by the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement (MSIA) has confirmed that it was Scottish Rite Freemasons, when the Southern Jurisdiction was under the command of John Quitman, who incited the war against Mexico and the annexation of more than half of Mexico's territory by the United States, in 1846-48. Later, Albert Pike and his "Knights of the Golden Circle" headed up efforts by the James Buchanan administration to seize Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central America during the 1850s, as part of their plan to extend slavery. The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is nothing less than the consummation of Masonry's golden dream.

Scandal upon scandal

The PRI's problems with the LaRouche Affair were doubly bad for them, as they came on the heels of another scandal involving the PRI's party finances. In early March, Mexican newspapers reported that the PRI organized a secret meeting with the wealthiest businessmen of the country to get their

pledges to finance the PRI at the price of \$25 million per head. When details of that secret meeting became known, there was a hue and cry by, especially, the political opposition. It's an open secret in Mexico that the Masonry and the PRI launched their desperate counterattack on the PRD's party finances in order to take the spotlight off themselves.

In a March 24 session of Congress, a PRD congressman presented LaRouche's public response as proof of the falsehood of the accusations made against his party, and asked that the LaRouche statement be included in the *Congressional Record*. At the same time, he noted that Rodríguez Lozano had his leg in a cast: "It seems that he likes to make false moves. We hope the same thing doesn't happen to the other leg."

Confronted with a gale of laughter from the congressional hall, Rodríguez Lozano demanded the right to respond, and used this time to slander LaRouche further by insisting that the American "is insane" and serving a "150-year sentence."

The attacks on the PRD also produced a furious response from Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas, who declared on March 18 that he would demand an investigation of the accusations that have been leveled against former Mexican Defense Minister Juan Arévalo Gardoqui, former Attorney General Enrique Alvarez del Castillo, and against former Government Secretary Manuel Bartlett, all of whom have been accused by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) of having ordered the assassination of DEA agent Enrique Camarena.

LaRouche's comments and their sequel, were enough to stop the offensive of the Masons and the PRI dead in its track. In a communiqué published on March 26 in the national press, the PRI executive committee declared that it would not perpetuate the discussion on party financing any further because it "doesn't want the discussion to degrade political life at a complicated moment for all political parties in Mexico and in the world."

At the same time, PRI Senate leader Emilio M. González indicated that the PRI did not participate *as a party* in the accusations of illicit financing leveled against the PRD, and that PRI members who had participated in that debate did so "on a strictly personal basis." Finally, on March 29, the *coup de grace* was delivered against PRI President Borrego himself, who learned from a press release issued by the office of the President of Mexico that he had been fired as head of the party. Borrego then proceeded to resign.

Documentation

Lyndon LaRouche issued the following response on March 18 to the accusations of the Mexican PRI.

I have just received a report of an attack on me from sources in Mexico falsely alleging that I have been behind funding of the PRD of Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas. I am astonished that

anyone in an informed position in Mexico would have been credulous enough to believe such a far-fetched and improbable story.

I am also informed, of course, that some sources have alleged that this story came to them through the Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the United States; and that information, for anyone who knows anything about the Scottish Rite's activities in the United States at this moment, is almost as incredible as the false charge that I have been responsible, directly or indirectly, for funding the PRD of Mexico.

As a matter of clarification, I should point out to those who are not so well-informed on these matters, that I am currently in a major fight against the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, a public quarrel which in part has been mounted against me by the Sovereign Supreme Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite, one C. Fred Kleinknecht.

The issue of the fight between me and Kleinknecht centers around the deceased personality of the former longstanding leader of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite, one Gen. Albert Pike, a traitor to the United States, a founder of the Ku Klux Klan, a professed Satanist, i.e., Lucifer-worshipper, and so forth and so on.

The campaign involves my demand that the statue of Pike, which is situated on U.S. property under the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C., be removed as an obscenity, since the man was a traitor, a war criminal, a Satanist, and an all-around degenerate.

At the same time, people in Mexico should recognize that the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite, is the enemy of Mexico as well as my enemy. Over the past 100-150 years, *virtually every atrocity which Mexico has suffered at the hands of persons based either in the United States or from the contemporary, short-lived Confederate States of America, is the result of the Scottish Rite*—the same faction of the Scottish Rite headed then by Pike and today by Kleinknecht.

So the very suggestion that the Scottish Rite is a friend of Mexico and a reliable source of information concerning me, is one of the most hilarious pieces of stupidity I have heard recently.

Secondly, as to the person of Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas and the PRD: I have no particular personal quarrel with Mr. Cárdenas, for whom I have respect whose family has played a role in the history of Mexico. However, it is well known that Mr. Cárdenas and the PRD have associated themselves with certain left-wing international forces which I abhor and which have been, together with the former Soviet Union itself, responsible for the successful demand upon the U.S. government that the U.S. government imprison me as a precondition for a certain agreement between the U.S. government and the Gorbachov group in Moscow.

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