

Terrorist upsurge threatens entire Western Hemisphere

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Over the next four months between now and mid-October, a tidal wave of armed uprisings, ethnic chaos, and other forms of civil war is slated to sweep across the continent of Ibero-America. Unlike the Marxist guerrilla revolts of the 1960s and 1970s, this explosion will be centered in the largest nations in the region—Mexico, Brazil, Venezuela, and possibly Argentina—and will involve foreign-controlled indigenist and other peasant populations, in the main. It will resemble the bloody rampages of Peru's Shining Path narco-terrorists in their heyday of the early 1990s, only this time spread across the entire continent.

This probable upsurge poses a major national security threat to the United States, both because of its proximity to the U.S. border, and because it will sink the entire hemisphere into something akin to the horror now visited upon Bosnia. No house is safe when the entire neighborhood is going up in flames.

The groundwork for this planned, imminent explosion was laid by a decade of financial genocide at the hands of the International Monetary Fund and the area's creditor banks, which has left the Ibero-American population exhausted and desperate. Over that time period, banks and other financial institutions have looted well over a half-trillion dollars worth of tangible wealth from the region. Yet despite the fact that most of that wealth was exported supposedly to pay off Ibero-America's foreign debt, the debt actually *grew* instead by 100% from 1980 to 1993, from \$257 billion to \$513 billion.

This cancerous debt structure has now metastasized into new forms of derivatives and other speculation, which has only accelerated the looting, and hastened the onset of an explosion.

But at the same time, it may come as a shock to some readers that the U.S. State Department has adopted a specific policy of *backing* the Ibero-American revolts and armed insurrections. The State Department is doing so in the name of defending its own self-serving definition of "human rights" and "democracy." This insane policy agenda was foisted on the Clinton administration by British intelligence and its Washington offshoots, such as the Inter-American Dialogue, the Washington-based bankers' lobby which favors drug legalization and other New Age atrocities. Their broader objective is to spawn and use the chaos to bring about a paradigm shift in Ibero-America, away from its traditional Catholic outlook and in favor of a more "modern," New Age cultural matrix based on the degraded premises of the French Enlightenment. They are in the process of cementing such a paradigm shift in new constitutions drawn up especially for this purpose, with the 1991 Colombian Constitution the model now being held up for emulation in Mexico, Venezuela, Argentina, Uruguay, and elsewhere.

In the eyes of the proponents of this bankers' new world order, the urgency of achieving this transformation in fundamental values is underlined by the current popular outpouring of Ibero-American hostility to the global depopulation policy which is to be featured at the planned United Nations International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo, Egypt.

It all started with Chiapas

The upcoming wave of armed narco-terrorism was irreversibly set into motion by the Jan. 1, 1994 Zapatista (EZLN) uprising in Chiapas, Mexico, and the response to it from

Washington policy circles. The Chiapas revolt changed the continent of Ibero-America permanently.

On that day, British intelligence gave the green light for their assets in anthropological and Catholic Theology of Liberation networks to launch an armed uprising in the southern state of Chiapas. Although the Mexican government and armed forces could have easily put down the revolt, as was their initial reaction, before the week was out, a heavy-handed international pressure campaign coming from Wall Street, the U.S. State Department, and diverse human rights organizations, forced the Mexican government to back off, and instead to promote a policy of negotiation and dialogue—with a bunch of *armed, hooded* outlaws!

The evidence of State Department support for the Zapatistas is incontrovertible. As early as Jan. 15, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs Alexander Watson admitted that Washington had *preemptively* threatened the Mexican government about purported violations of EZLN human rights. "It was not reacting to information. It was preemptive," Watson bragged. And on March 10, Richard Feinberg, a former president of the Inter-American Dialogue currently on loan to the National Security Council as its Latin American director, confided that "the North American Free Trade Accord [NAFTA, among the United States, Mexico, and Canada] is too young to have affected [the insurgents] in Chiapas, but some of them are probably alive today because of its existence." Curiously, this exact formulation was used in early June by EZLN Sub-commander Marcos, in an interview with *Vanity Fair* magazine, when he explained that the Mexican military was in a position several times during 1993 to wipe out his narco-terrorist army, but that the government of President Carlos Salinas de Gortari had pulled back each time for fear of adversely affecting the imminent U.S. congressional vote on NAFTA. You could say, said Marcos, that NAFTA saved the EZLN.

Under this international mantle of protection, the Zapatistas have not used the hiatus in the fighting since mid-January to negotiate and come to terms with the government; in fact, they just formally rejected a peace treaty which was the result of almost five months of negotiations. Instead, they have used the opportunity to consolidate their positions, further arm themselves, and spread their legions to other parts of Mexico, where they are reportedly now receiving substantial quantities of modern weapons, including AK-47 assault rifles. The stage is now set for a massive, Mexico-wide outbreak of narco-terrorist violence in the days leading up to the August presidential elections, and immediately afterwards.

Moreover, Mexico's forced capitulation to the EZLN's blackmail has sent a message across the continent: Armed insurrection works, and Washington will back you up. This message is now being read loud and clear, especially by the parties which make up the São Paulo Forum, an alliance of leftist and narco-terrorist parties from across Ibero-America which was set up with Fidel Castro's sponsorship in 1990.

Add to this the current U.S. policy fiasco around Haiti. Here we have the case of the United States government, again on the urging of the Inter-American Dialogue crowd, among others, starving a tiny nation into submission and threatening to go to war against it, in order to impose a hated, narco-terrorist member of the São Paulo Forum—Jean-Bertrand Aristide—as its President, all in the name of "democracy."

This, too, is being watched with smug satisfaction by the São Paulo Forum's candidates for President in Mexico (Cuahtémoc Cárdenas of the PRD), Brazil ("Lula" da Silva of the PT), and elsewhere. "If the State Department will go to bat for Aristide," they are thinking, "they'll do it for me, too."

If the State Department additionally proceeds to pressure other Ibero-American nations to deploy their military to join in a multinational invasion of Haiti, or even a post-invasion "peace-keeping force," it will irreversibly shatter those countries' armed forces. It is a little-known but crucial fact, that the Feb. 4, 1992 attempted coup against the corrupt President Carlos Andrés Pérez in Venezuela was triggered principally by his attempt to deploy the Venezuelan military to reinstate his pal Aristide in Haiti.

And when the Ibero-American militaries are shattered beyond recognition, then who will contain the coming armed uprisings? Will the British propose that Clinton send the Marines to half a dozen Ibero-American countries simultaneously?

Coming chaos

As we document in the articles that follow, the volcanic rumblings in Mexico are mirrored by developments in Brazil and Venezuela, in particular. In the former, a radical terrorist grouping called the Landless Movement, or the MST, has broken onto the national political landscape over recent weeks, and threatens to spread violent land seizures across the country as part of the presidential campaign of the São Paulo Forum's Luis Inacio "Lula" da Silva. "Lula" is currently the frontrunner for the October presidential elections in Brazil, and he recently traveled to the United States, where he received the blessing both of the State Department and of the Wall Street banking crowd.

Washington may think that it can control "Lula" and his movement, and that his leftist rhetoric will be only that; but they are seriously missing the point. Even if the bankers do manage to control "Lula," the fact is that "Lula" does not control the PT, the MST, and so on. At best, he may control 10% of the party and related apparatus. The rest is run by the Theology of Liberation fanatics who abound in the Brazilian Catholic Church, under the control of such individuals as Cardinal Evaristo Arns of São Paulo, who is a close ally and collaborator of Mexico's Zapatista Bishop Samuel Ruiz. And like Ruiz, they fully intend to sink Brazil and the entirety of Ibero-America into indigenist, ethnic civil war over the months immediately ahead.