

1998; feasibility studies are well advanced to do the same at Itaipú. Once these limitations are overcome, it will be possible to freely navigate the entire waterway, from near the city of São Paulo in Brazil, to Buenos Aires in Argentina. This, in conjunction with the link with the Paraguay River, would transform this integrated waterway into the main axis of integration and economic development of the interior of all South America, based on the high-technology “productive axis” of industrial potential that runs from São Paulo to Buenos Aires.

More than anything else, what gives this region its strategic importance is that, despite all the British assaults, it still encompasses the greatest concentration of scientific-technological potential in all Ibero-America. In that sense, special note should be taken of the “science triangle” formed by the Brazilian cities of São Paulo, Campinas, and São José dos Campos—the last two being centers of great importance in various Brazilian military and civilian high-technology projects.

Another strategic feature of the region is the projected route of the planned Brazil-Bolivia gas pipeline (see Figure 3). Once again, it is useful to take note of the actions that have been carried out by terrorist movements in other parts of Ibero-America, in this case the Colombian ELN and FARC, which have made a specialty of bombing Colombia’s Caño Limón-Covenas oil pipeline, which pumps about 200,000 barrels per day of oil.

Another major consideration regarding the Pontal separatist enclave, is that it borders both Argentina and Paraguay, precisely in the trinational region of Iguazu Park, a sort of no-man’s land which serves as a sanctuary for international terrorism and narcotics trafficking. According to the Brazilian Federal Police, the region in which the Pontal is located has already been turned into the principal drug-trafficking route in Brazil.

Parks like Iguazu have been used in other countries to train and supply insurgents from bordering countries, such as the case of the Gorilla Park, strategically located in the Uganda, Rwanda, and Kenya border area. The park served as a sanctuary for armies of the Tutsis and other London-controlled forces, which decimated Rwanda and, later, conquered Zaire.

The MST has begun to invade lands near Brazil’s international borders. First, it targeted a locality in Rio Grande do Sul just ten kilometers from the border with Uruguay, and then another in Mato Grosso do Sul near the border with Paraguay. These are trial balloons, intended to test political and military reactions on both sides of the border. These kind of actions could provoke binational border conflicts, causing geopolitical tensions in the La Plata Basin region, just as London desires. Nor should one dismiss the possibility that the MST’s intention is to provoke a supranational intervention on the part of the United Nations, under the pretext of protecting settlements of supposed “economic refugees,” just as has been occurring in Central Africa.

British control of the Landless Movement

by Silvia Palacios

In August 1997, Landless Movement (MST) leader Diolinda Alves de Souza travelled to Europe, in search of international backing that could prevent the jailing of her husband, José Rainha, who is considered the Maoist military leader of the MST and, together with Alves de Souza, leader of that movement in the strategically critical zone of the Pontal do Paranapanema. Last year, Rainha had been convicted for the first time, and sentenced to 26 years in prison, for a double murder during land invasions. His wife’s trip clearly revealed the MST’s dependency on a London-centered international support network.

Virtually since the January 1984 official founding of the MST—whose name should more appropriately be the “Mindless Movement”—the British monarchy has provided it with financial backing, while also becoming, through the various foundations the monarchy controls, the leading promoter of an international image of the MST as a movement for social justice.

Other “revolutionary” Ibero-American movements, such as the Peruvian narco-terrorist Shining Path and Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA), the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), or the Zapatista National Liberation Army (EZLN) of Mexico, are better known internationally and also use the “NGO sanctuary” provided by the British Crown; but the MST is a more serious threat to the integrity, not only of Brazil, but of the entire continent. Its close connections to the British oligarchy are key to this (see **Figure 1**).

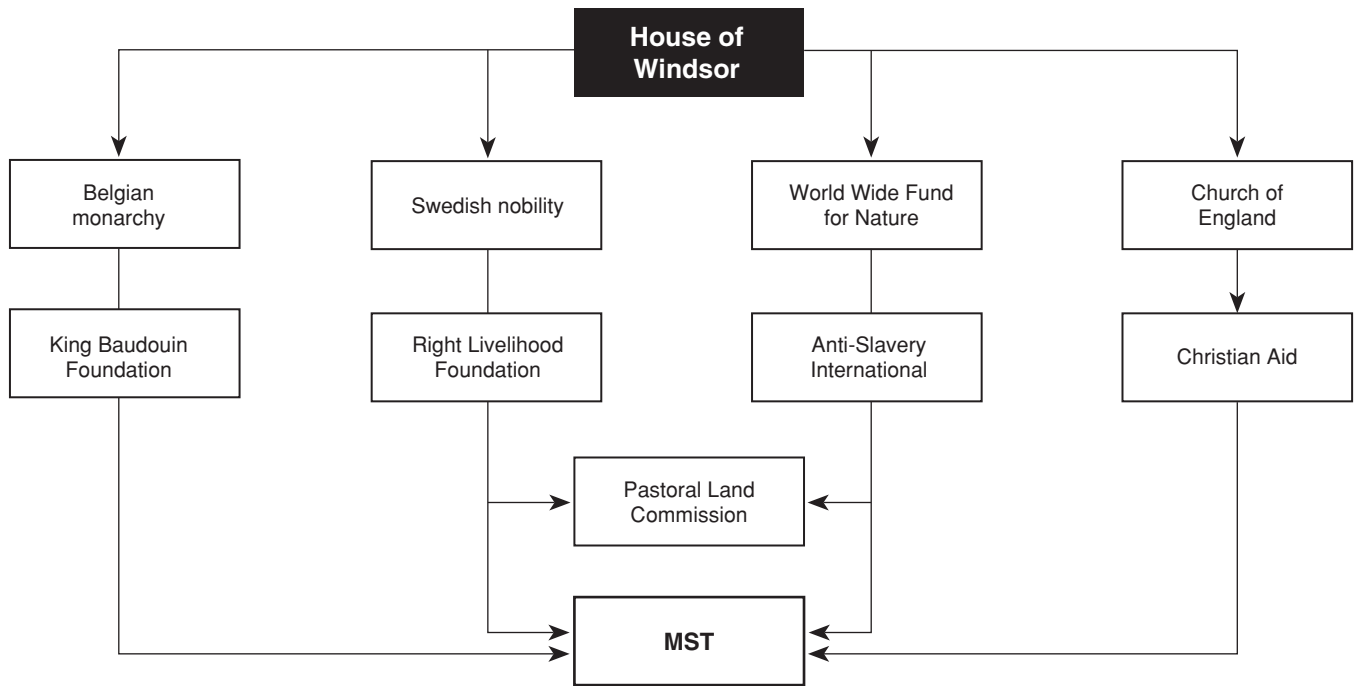
International support apparatus

Alves de Souza’s trip was sponsored by **Christian Aid** (CA), which declares itself the official philanthropic organization for the 40 churches of England and Ireland, headed by the Anglican Church, whose supreme head is Queen Elizabeth II. Through these links, Christian Aid is an appendage of the **World Council of Churches**, which was founded in 1937 on the initiative of the Anglican Church. Since its founding, the WCC has been a promoter of “world government” causes. The central thesis presented in the memoirs of its founding is entitled, “The Demonic Influence of National Sovereignty,” and was written by Philip Kerr, Lord Lothian, one of the leading members of the British political apparatus that helped place Hitler in power.

In a statement with vast implications, Cardinal Joseph

FIGURE 1

London controls the MST



Ratzinger, prefect of the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, recently underlined that the World Council of Churches deviates from its mission: “A large portion of the Latin American Catholic bishops lament with me the fact that the World Council of Churches has given great help to the subversive movements, help that perhaps had good intentions, but which ended up being harmful to the paths of the Gospel.”

Christian Aid is also part of the network of Britain’s “invisible” empire, through its seat on the **Crown Agents Foundation**, a recently privatized entity which works in coordination with the Office of Overseas Development, Britain’s infamous colonial leftover (see “Britain’s ‘Invisible’ Empire Unleashes the Dogs of War,” *EIR*, Aug. 22, 1997, p. 10).

In addition to Christian Aid, Alves de Souza’s trip was sponsored by a variety of NGOs, among them **Friends of the Earth** and **Oxfam**, which were heavily involved in the international mobilization that pushed Brazil into creating the Yanomami Indian reserve. In England, Alves de Souza stayed with old friends such as Pierre Sane, head of **Amnesty International**, who gave her the first copy of a special report entitled, “Brazil: Political Accusations against Agrarian Reform Activists.” Together with George Soros’s **Human Rights Watch/Americas**, Amnesty International has warned that, if Rainha is declared guilty in his upcoming second trial, he will

be considered a “prisoner of conscience” and his “immediate and unconditional release” will be demanded. The intent is clearly to try to turn Rainha into a kind of folk hero in “the fight for land in Brazil.” Alves de Souza has agreed with her British hosts that Amnesty International will conduct an international mobilization in the period leading up to Rainha’s trial.

In France, Alves de Souza was received by Danielle Mitterrand, a key figure in the French synarchist apparatus which supports (along with the Schlumberger-De Menil Foundation in Houston, Texas) the cardinal of São Paulo, Evaristo Arns, one of the real commanders of the MST since its founding. Mitterrand was godmother to the marriage of the MST with Mexico’s EZLN, consecrated in a pagan ceremony held in July 1996, at a meeting in La Trinidad, Chiapas. Later, Bishop Tomás Baduino, who recently assumed the presidency of the Brazilian Catholic Church’s **Pastoral Land Commission** (CPT), made public the joining of the MST’s political objectives with those of the EZLN.

MST’s links to Christian Aid date back to 1986, and have translated into substantial financial and political support at key moments. For example, in 1996, with the bloody conflict provoked by the MST in the Amazon area of El Dorado, Domingos Armani, director of Christian Aid’s Brazil project, stated, “The massacre was the direct result of the lack of

agrarian reform.” Christian Aid director Michael Taylor headed a protest campaign in Europe against the Brazilian government, sending a protest letter to Brazil’s President Fernando Henrique Cardoso.

Kooks and royals

Following the MST’s early links to Christian Aid, other organizations of that stripe have followed suit. In 1991, for example, the **Right Livelihood Foundation** (RLF), linked to the Swiss nobility, gave its annual award to the Pastoral Land Commission’s Father Ricardo Rezende. The RLF is part of the British House of Windsor’s apparatus, and is associated with the **Gaia Foundation**, created to spread the pagan theology of the New Age. This support comes as no surprise: The RLF sponsored the research of MST leader João Pedro Stedile, published in his book *The Fight for Land in Brazil*. The Spanish-language edition was published in Barcelona, Spain, by an MST support committee.

The MST is linked to various international institutions primarily through the CPT, dominated by the Theology of Liberation wing of the Catholic Church. It maintains relations with the British oligarchy through the **Catholic Institute of International Relations** (CIIR) in London, which coordinates the activities of the Theology of Liberation worldwide. The CIIR maintains intimate relations with the World Council of Churches. One of its founders was Lady Barbara Ward Jackson, who is responsible for introducing radical environmentalism into certain European Catholic circles. The leaders of the CIIR count among their associates Peruvian theologian Gustavo Gutiérrez and Brazil’s Leonardo Boff, as well as Cardinal Evaristo Arns — all founding fathers of Ibero-America’s Theology of Liberation movement.

One of the members of the CIIR’s network is British Cardinal Basil Hume, who in 1992 granted an award of the **Anti-Slavery International** to CPT mouthpiece and MST ideologue Father Ricardo Rezende. Founded in 1787, the ASI describes itself as “the oldest human rights organization” in the world. Among its leadership are represented such British oligarchical families as the Wilberforces and the Buxtons. Lord Buxton is today one of the vice presidents of Prince Philip’s **World Wide Fund for Nature** (WWF). This is the same international network which created the so-called **Brazil Network**, headquartered in London, whose purpose has been to coordinate the activities of the various NGOs with regard to British campaigns against Brazil.

The Brazilian subsidiary of Brazil Network is the **Institute of Socio-Economic Studies** (INESC), which receives financing from the Crown’s **Canadian International Development Agency** (CIDA), for the purpose of lobbying for their interests within the Brazilian Congress.

In February 1997, the MST received the King Baudouin Award, granted by the royal house of Belgium, which is related to the House of Windsor. The ridiculous argument in favor of the award was that the MST promotes “the socio-

economic development of a Third World country.” This same Belgian monarchy, through King Leopold, promoted Adolf Hitler in the 1930s.

In 1980, the King Baudouin Award was given to Brazilian pedagogue Paulo Freire, the MST’s principal ideologue, whose famous work *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*, a manual to train brainwashed activists and terrorists, has become a virtual bible in every MST camp. Freire, until his recent death, was a member of the editorial board of the magazine *América Libre*, the official mouthpiece of the **São Paulo Forum**. Along with Gnostic existentialist Leonardo Boff and liberation theologian Fray Betto, Freire created the MST’s belief structure, based on pagan worship of “Mother Earth” (see article on Freire, in this section).

The MST was linked, since its inception, to the movement that in Ibero-America promotes the “Black Legend,” attacking Spain for the evangelization of the New World. In the book cited earlier, Stedile argues that injustices in Brazil originated 500 years ago. The MST leaders practice a Gnostic religious cult which combines a justification of violence with worship of the land, and exaltation of the Theology of Liberation in rejection of Christian traditions and Western European civilization. Before each action of the MST, its militants carry out a “mystic,” a ceremony with chants and symbols. They often sing a hymn entitled “500 Years of Black People’s Resistance,” which promises that, through their struggle, they will put out the torch that Christopher Columbus lit on the continent.

More than anything else, this anti-Christian ideology is what identifies the MST with the British Crown.

Paulo Freire: massacring the mind

by Dennis Small

The following is excerpted from a longer report on “London’s Africanization of Ibero-America,” presented at the Schiller Institute-International Caucus of Labor Committees Conference, in Reston, Virginia, on Aug. 31.

Britain’s real control over Brazil’s Landless Movement (MST), as in the case of Yoweri Museveni’s hordes in Africa, lies more in the realm of the invisible than the visible — more in the realm of ideas, than of money and awards.

In fact, “invisible” is just a manner of speaking, and, in some ways, a misleading one. Ideas are actually far more real, and more potent as historical forces, than the mere individuals or groups which promote them. And they are clearly visible, at least to the mind’s eye.