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Synarchists React to Warning on Terrorism

Lyndon LaRouche's warning of an hispanic terrorist threat emanating from the Blas Piñar networks in South America, has alarmed Mexico's Synarchists, as evidenced in a three-part article published in the weekly *Siempre* magazine in September and October, under the headline, "LaRouche Points to Mexico's Homegrown Nazism." Author José Luis Ontiveros is a follower of Italian fascist/synarchist Julius Evola. In the 1980s, he attacked the LaRouche-associated Mexican Labor Party. Ontiveros rants against a "guelph" faction of riff-raff within Mexican Synarchy, and worries that LaRouche's denunciation of "an alleged 'Nazi party' in Mexico" will lead to problems for his own "ghibelline" Synarchist faction.

Iran Ready for Agreement With U.S. on Nuke Weapons

In an interview on PBS's "Charlie Rose Show" on Sept. 27, Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharazzi said that in Iran "There is no program for developing nuclear weapons." He stated that Iran would be prepared to come to an agreement with the U.S. to assure it of that fact. "In fact, we believe that the entire area should be free of nuclear weapons." Kharazzi referred to the recent report by IAEA Director Mohamed El-Baradei, in which the latter stated that the IAEA had found no evidence that Iran had any program to develop nuclear weapons. Kharazzi did, at the same time, insist on Iran's right to develop its nuclear energy resources, including the entire fuel cycle.

"We have a right to develop nuclear energy," Kharazzi said, but "we are ready to engage in dialogue with the international community to assure them that there will be no diversion of resources to a weapons program." When asked why Iran had such difficulty in coming to any agreement with the U.S., Kharazzi replied, "The United States has been trying to destroy us." With a change of attitude on the part of the United States,

however, there were no reason that an agreement with the United States could not be attained, he added. "If the U.S. is looking for solutions, we are ready to engage." With regard to an agreement with the IAEA, Kharazzi said he felt that there should be no problem. "If we aren't denied the right to develop nuclear energy, we will come to an agreement," he said. He also noted that Iran had been of assistance to the United States in Iraq, in spite of its total opposition to the invasion of that country. "We helped resolve the situation in Najaf," he said.

Kharazzi also noted that Iran had been of assistance in Afghanistan. "Al-Qaeda is also an enemy to us," he said, noting that one Iranian diplomat had been killed recently in Iraq by the insurgents, and another had been kidnapped. This had also been the case in Afghanistan, where Iran was supporting the Northern Alliance.

With regard to Iraq, Kharazzi said that elections should be held in January, even if that would not be possible in certain areas. "We want the people of Iraq to resolve their problems," Kharazzi said, noting that Iran supported a multi-ethnic Iraq. Elections, he felt, would leave no reason for the U.S. to remain in Iraq. When Rose asked if he could envision a theocracy developing there, Kharazzi replied, "The Iranian model is not applicable to Iraq." When asked about the possibility of an American or Israeli strike against the Iranian nuclear program, Kharazzi answered, "If attacked, we will react, and people should know how we will react."

Jordanian King Sees Fair Iraqi Elections Impossible

King Abdullah of Jordan, who was in Paris to meet French President Jacques Chirac, said in an interview with the French daily *Le Figaro*, according to BBC on Sept. 28, that partial Iraqi elections, excluding troubled areas such as Fallujah, could isolate Sunni Arab Iraqis and create deeper divisions within the country. "It seems impossible to me to organize indisputable elections in the chaos we see today," the King said. "Only if the situation improved could an election be organized on schedule." He said that only

extremists would gain if the elections went ahead in January without the security situation improving.

Both the United States and the Allawi government in Iraq have said elections would take place as scheduled, but during the week of Sept. 20, U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told Senators it might not be possible to conduct voting in some places targeted by militants.

King Abdullah also urged the Iraqi authorities to re-recruit middle-ranking officers of the old Iraqi army under Saddam Hussein and provide longer training for new troops. "The faster we reconstitute the old army, the better the new one will be," he said.

Israeli Elite Unit Rejects Abuse of Palestinians

Four commanders in the Israeli Air Force's elite Shaldag (Kingfisher) commando unit signed a letter denouncing abuse of Palestinians in the occupied territories by Israel Defense Forces (IDF), according to Sept. 28 reports in *Ha'aretz* and *Ma'ariv*. The letter was addressed to Chief of Staff Moshe Ya'alon, his deputy Dan Halutz, Commander of the Israeli Air Force Eliezer Shkedi, and the commander of the Shaldag. The letter declares that the "razing of houses in the territories is immoral," and "the IDF harms innocent civilians."

The letter criticizes specific operations the signers themselves were involved in, where they took positions in Palestinian houses in the West Bank town of Yatta, which resulted in systematic harassment of the Palestinian population. They also criticize the destruction of houses during the so-called "Operation Rainbow," in which the Israelis demolished hundreds of houses in the Gaza strip.

Although the signers, who are of the rank equivalent to a company commander, do not refuse to serve in the occupied territories, the letter nonetheless created shock waves throughout the military. Similar letters were signed by Air Force pilots and members of the elite army Sayeret Matkal units, who refused to serve in the occupied territories.