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Colombia: Nicaragua Is Colluding with the FARC

Colombia's Ambassador to the Organization of American States, Camilo Ospina, on July 24 officially denounced the Nicaraguan government for colluding with the narcoterrorist FARC, and thus "persistently violating the norms and principles of international law, and international agreements in the war against terrorism." These actions have done immense harm to Colombia, Ospina charged, and they cannot go unpunished.

In remarks to the daily *El Tiempo*, Ospina offered as a crucial piece of evidence the recent report that Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega welcomed a six-man FARC delegation in Managua on July 18-19. But, he underscored, proof is actually contained in a whole "chain of events" involving Nicaragua's blatant "position of protecting and collaborating with the FARC."

Demanding that Nicaraguan authorities immediately investigate these events, Ospina also pointed out that Ortega has unabashedly offered himself as a "mediator" with the FARC, completely disregarding Colombia's opposition.

Ortega has praised FARC leader Raúl Reyes, killed by the Colombian Army on March 1, as a "hero," while referring to the FARC's top leaders as "my brothers," the Ambassador noted.

The website of the Nicaraguan Presidency flaunts the letter sent to Ortega by the FARC, requesting that he serve as mediator.

Specter of Nationalism Haunts Mexico's 'Yes-Men'

How the financial yes-men panicked, when one of the late President José López Portillo's closest collaborators appeared in Congress to testify against the privatization of Mexico's national oil company, PEMEX, on July 1!

Carlos Tello Macías was one of only three men who, in strict secrecy, prepared López Portillo's nationalization of the banking system on Sept. 1, 1982. López Portillo

placed Tello at the helm of the Central Bank that day, as the President prepared to implement Lyndon LaRouche's *Operation Juárez* proposal to defend Mexico, and all of Central and South America, from the brutal financial warfare being waged against them by Wall Street and London.

Supporters of the privatization of PEMEX in the PAN and PRI parties met Tello at the hearings in July with a leaflet, attacking him with the lying smears used for 25 years to try to bury López Portillo's legacy, and Mexico's nationalist, pro-development culture which he embodied. PAN Senators derided Tello, now a university professor, as a representative of the "voracious statism" they thought they had crushed.

Well might they worry. The faster the system disintegrates, the more López Portillo's name is appearing, pro and con, in the national debate, and the "old guard" is stepping forward. *La Jornada* published an interview on July 25 with the 82-year-old historic leader of the oil workers union, Joaquín Hernández Galicia (known as "La Quina"), warning President Felipe Calderón that the Mexican people are not stupid, and they are saying "No, no, and no" to the privatization of PEMEX.

La Quina was one of the people who had to be cleared out the way for NAFTA to be imposed. The gutsy oil workers leader, who collaborated with the LaRouche movement in Mexico, was jailed at gunpoint on trumped-up charges by President Carlos Salinas de Gortari in January 1989, two weeks before Lyndon LaRouche was packed off for his five years in prison.

Soros Collaborates with Aussie Right-Winger

Soros Fund Management is investing \$20 million into a deal with Diamond Joe Gutnick, the Australian mining magnate and corporate predator who was "assigned" to perpetuate ultra-right control over Israel. In the deal, Gutnick will export millions of tons of Australian phosphate rock, most of it to India. In the current spot market, phosphate rock goes for around \$400 a ton, up from \$50 a year ago. Today's food crisis

gives added importance to control over phosphate, a source for fertilizer production.

Following the 1995 assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Gutnick put over \$1 million into the election campaign of the Likud party's Benjamin Netanyahu. Gutnick has put millions into building Jewish settlements in occupied Palestine, and has constantly agitated for conflict with the Palestinians.

The Australian daily *The Age* reported on Feb. 3, 2001: "Four years before his death in 1994, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, head of the Lubavitcher sect of Orthodox Jewry, entrusted Gutnick with ensuring that Israel is always ruled by a right-wing government committed to the territorial integrity of the Biblical Land of Israel."

Joseph Gutnick had amassed half a billion dollars by the late 1990s, speculating in and manipulating stocks of mining companies, in partnership with George Soros, and with backing from the British Privy Council's raw materials apparatus, such as Anglo American/DeBeers and Rio Tinto Zinc.

Chinese Rice Yields Big Crop in Bangladesh

A strain of hybrid rice developed in China has produced bumper crops in Bangladesh, exceeding traditional yields by close to a ton in conventional rice fields, a 20% increase. The success was reported by the director of the Bangladesh Rice Research Institute, A.W. Julfikar, in an interview with the Chinese Xinhua news service July 22. "Promoting the planting of hybrid rice is very necessary," he said.

Despite higher yields provided by hybrid rice varieties, farmers are reluctant to use them, because they have to depend on imported hybrid rice seeds. Julfikar said they are breeding the local hybrid rice seeds; if they are successful, the farmers will be able to reduce their dependency on imported seeds.

The hybrid rice project, supported by the Agriculture Ministry, tested the Chinese variety, Sonarbangla-1, and three from India, in 33 locations in Bangladesh.