
In Memoriam

Manuel Carulias, trade union leader

We are deeply moved by the passing away of Manuel Carulias, a founding member of the Labor Commission of the Schiller Institute. Manuel Carulias died in Buenos Aires of a heart attack on the 22nd of October, at the age of 71. During the 1950s and at the beginning of the 1960s he was the leader of the transport workers union, and as such he was one of the top collaborators of Gen. Juan Domingo Perón in those difficult years of exile for Perón, and of persecution for his movement. As a result of this persecution, Carulias eventually lost his union position, his job, everything . . . except his honesty and his determination to go on fighting.

When we first met him in October 1984, we had already known many Ibero-American trade union leaders. In contrast to Manuel, some of them had powerful positions, others appeared to have better political acumen, still others had a better resumé. Nevertheless, Manuel was the quickest to understand and respond to



the necessity of organizing an Ibero-American and international movement for the defense of the West that would be free of the "internationals." He immediately threw himself unhesitatingly into the organizing of that fateful Schiller Institute conference of November 1984, and from then on he was instrumental in all the key activities of the Schiller Institute's Labor Commission. He helped launch the work in Panama by insisting on the need for unity between workers and the nationalist military; he helped organize the Schiller Institute labor conference of July 15, 1985 in Mexico City; he was an active participant at the two meetings of the Schiller Institute with President Alan García of Peru, and in general he played a crucial role in all the work that would later result in the success of the conference for an Amphictyonic Congress in Panama, on Aug. 8-11 of this year.

Manuel never tired of coming up with new plans and initiatives for advancing the Schiller Institute's trade union work, and was sure that we would succeed in reestablishing the long defunct Peronist ATLAS [Association of Latin American Unionized Workers] or its equivalent. When he

was taken to the hospital last Friday evening, he was busy at work on a new newspaper and many other projects on which he had worked relentlessly for years. Once, he confessed to us that he was aware of the derision he was subjected to by his fellow countrymen, and even some Peronists, but that no one was a prophet in his own land. Therefore, he said, he was committed to the goals of Ibero-American unity and the work of the Schiller Institute.

It was because of that, that he now leaves behind many friends who loved and respected him dearly, throughout the Ibero-American trade union movement. Mexicans, Panamanians, Colombians, Venezuelans, Peruvians, Bolivians, and many others know him to have made an important contribution to mankind, even if most of his countrymen ignored him.

Fernando Quijano Gaitán

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Those historic hours at Sweetwater Farm

In the United States, there is a place called Sweetwater Farm, in Loudoun County, Virginia, just over an hour's automobile ride from Washington, D.C. Manuel Carulias and I were there, back in November 1984, together with labor delegates from numerous nations of the world, assembled to create the Schiller Institute Labor Commission.

Manuel was one of the friends from Argentina with whom I was privileged to stand in many battles for the system of justice which the great minister and patriot Luis Maria Drago sought for this hemisphere. Of all those occasions, that November 1984 meeting at Sweetwater Farm has proven itself to have been the most fruitful.

Each of us, if he is wise, knows that our mortal life is but a moment in the hundreds of generations which have come before us, and, we may hope, the hundreds of generations yet to come. Yet, short as our individual life may be, and weak as each of us usually finds oneself against the great forces shaping our time, our individual life exists to be the instrument of Providence. If we but grasp the opportunities placed in our hands in that spirit, what we do with our brief lives creates a beautiful legacy for generations to come.

On that account, a soldier of justice has departed life with outstanding honor. During his life, few have done as much in face of adversity, to contribute so much to the hope that his nation, this hemisphere, and this civilization might escape the new dark age which his adversaries, and our own, seek to bring upon the nations and peoples of this planet.

I am proud of Manuel Carulias, and proud to stand among those patriots of so many nations now assembled in spirit, who mourn a priceless and steadfast friend.

*Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.
Leesburg, Virginia, U.S.A.*

The death of our friend and founding member of the Schiller

Institute, Manuel Carulias, fills our hearts with a deep sorrow, a sorrow that can only be caused by the loss of an exceptional human being. But he will remain with us, for his work has laid the foundation for the institutions of hope, both in his beloved Argentina as well as in the rest of Ibero-America and the world. Now that the world is in such great peril, mankind actually cannot afford to lose a leader like Manuel Carulias. Therefore, we have to increase our commitment to achieve a world more worthy of the dignity of men in his memory.

*Helga Zepp-LaRouche
President, Schiller Institute
Wiesbaden, F.R.G.*

Manuel Carulias was one of the pillars that supported the Schiller Institute's Ibero-American Labor Commission. He was a member of its Coordinating Committee and, in a certain sense, the image the Labor Commission has today, as an institution fully identified with the Ibero-American labor movement, is an image which Manuel gave it.

I was, perhaps, the one who had the closest relationship with Manuel. I also owe him more than others, because he taught me very much about the Argentinian labor movement.

Manuel was a true labor leader, not a bureaucrat. This is worth pointing out, because it cost him great sufferings which his family had to endure with him.

One often overlooked the fact that Manuel was over 60 years old, because the zeal he brought to all of his activities in the Labor Commission made him seem as if he were the same leader he'd been 30 years earlier, when he was the head of the UTA [transportation workers' union], or when he belonged to the federation council of the CGT [General Workers' Confederation, Argentina's largest] The same vehemence, the same learned habits.

He always considered himself a free man, although he subordinated his life to the same moral and political commitment to fight for social justice that he undertook from the moment he took leadership of his union, which led him to face communism and usurious capitalism alike. Whenever he had to choose, he was faithful to that commitment. This is why his participation in the Ibero-American Labor Commission came naturally to him.

Manuel had the recognition and respect of his peers, though he never enjoyed the honors which often come freely to those in the labor movement who least deserve them.

He left without a goodbye, and so I mourn him with all my soul. I'd have liked to tell him personally that we shall ever be faithful to the same commitment as he.

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To the family of Mr. Carulias:

Through this message, may I express my heartfelt condolences for the death of my great friend and fellow labor organizer Manuel Carulias, a renowned leader and social fighter for Ibero-American integration, and a member of the Schiller labor institution.

I thank God for the luck of the great moments we shared, and I vow to continue along the line that Manuel laid out for us.

*Juan Rebaza Carpio
Chairman of the Board of Directors
National Fisheries of Peru (Pescaperú)
Lima, Peru*

Those of us who had the honor of knowing Manuel Carulias, feel his death in our souls, because from him we learned that the fight to defend the peoples of Ibero-America knows no age, has no schedule. His constant desire to achieve a solution to the problems of the Argentinian people showed us more closely the thought and teachings of General Perón; thus we committed ourselves to constant action, until achieving Ibero-American unity for the sovereignty of our peoples.

Our fight against the international financial oligarchy is one of the many commitments which we shared with Manuel, and we shall not rest until our governments recognize that the people elect them in order to develop policies for the people, and not to become puppets of the International Monetary Fund. In this we stood and still stand with Manuel, and we shall continue fighting in the name of Manuel Carulias.

*Pedro Rubio
General Secretary
Workers' Union of Bogota and Cundinamarca
(UTRABOC)
Bogotá, Colombia*

The death of Manuel Carulias brings great grief to me in particular, as well as to the rest of the Panamanian labor movement, not only because of his transcendence in the Argentinian labor movement, but because we had the opportunity in our country to benefit from his advice and cumulative experience during difficult times for the Panamanian labor movement. His advice helped us maintain a proper course in the midst of the very difficult situation we went through in 1985, as we held a strike against the impositions of the International Monetary Fund. For this reason, the passing away of Carulias not only shocks and brings pain to the Argentinian labor movement, but to the Panamanian labor movement as well.

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