

Royal Britannia Hitmen Caught in Assault on Mexican Nation-State

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Oct. 17—Just before midnight, on Saturday, Oct. 10, the Mexican government sent police and military forces to seize the installations of Luz y Fuerza del Centro (LyFC), the state-run electricity company serving central Mexico, including the 20 million inhabitants of Mexico City. In an address to the nation the next day, President Felipe Calderón announced that he had decreed the liquidation of LyFC, and summarily fired the company's entire labor force of 44,000, in order to break the union contract. He blamed the union for alleged "inefficiencies," whose drain on public resources Mexico could not afford at this time of international economic crisis. Calderón emphasized that more such "profound changes" will be forthcoming.

Calderón had announced, just ten days earlier, that, in the last 18 months alone, 6 million *more* Mexicans had fallen into extreme poverty, or "food poverty," bringing the total who do not have enough to eat to 20 million. In his address announcing the fascist assault on LyFC, the President admitted that the number enduring food poverty was actually 25 *million*—nearly a quarter of Mexico's 110 million inhabitants.

From any domestic standpoint, under such conditions, throwing 44,000 skilled and organized workers and their families onto the street, with the stroke of a pen, is insane, both economically and politically. The entire country is already seething with mass unemployment, estimated at 50% or higher; the escape valve of emigration to work in the United States has closed off with the depression there; and the H1N1 flu pandemic is battering Mexico with ferocity. Mexico City and the surrounding area are already enduring water shortages and consequent rationing, and now, blackouts and brownouts are being thrown into the deadly mix, with the takedown of LyFC.

You'd almost think someone is intentionally *trying* to create a New Dark Age of poverty, pestilence, and starvation just across the U.S.'s southern border.

They are.

Invisible? Hardly

The measures currently being implemented in Mexico are being ordered from the apex of the British Empire and their Wall Street partners, as part of the global policy of genocide and depopulation specified by Britain's Prince Philip, through agencies such as his World Wildlife Fund (WWF). They are moving to rape and pillage Mexico's economy, institutions, and labor force, in precisely the fashion Lyndon LaRouche has been warning was on the agenda globally for the October crisis. In the case of Mexico, London is demanding that all of the country's state-run energy companies be privatized, for starters, including LyFC, the Federal Electricity Commission (CFE), and the state oil company PEMEX.

When Calderón submitted his 2010 Federal budget in early September, London and Wall Street mocked it publicly for insufficient austerity, despite its 2% tax on food and medicines, and sharp tax hikes on other consumption. Wall Street CEOs delivered the message to Calderón on Sept. 23, that Mexico's credit rating would be cut, if more revenues were not secured. The City of London's *Economist* magazine published a demand Oct. 1, that "at least" 30,000 of Pemex's 143,000 workers be fired, with privatization to follow. And, on Oct. 7, Mexican government officials, from the President on down, were lectured at an Economist Intelligence Unit forum in Mexico City, on the economic policies they had to adopt.

But probably most significant of all, is the fact that, only two days before the liquidation of LyFC, top Mexican government officials huddled in London at a closed-door confab with the *crème de la crème* of the City of London's financial empire, the International Financial Services, London (IFSL), the association representing British financial interests per se, who, in an earlier epoch, named themselves the "British Invisibles." They are, in other words, the core of the British empire.

The public agenda of their otherwise secret Mexi-



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The financial elites are moving to impose outright fascist austerity, including the shutdown of the electric company (LyFC), laying off 44,000 employees. In response, some 200,000 people rallied Oct. 15 in Mexico City; this sign says: “Now what do I do? Kill, steal or kidnap?” Another said: “For sale: wife and two kids; I can’t feed them—LyfC unemployed.”

can confab? A British grab for over 300 infrastructure projects in Mexico, worth at least \$141 billion.

The real agenda? To rip apart Mexico’s institutions, just as this crowd did to Europe, to destroy the nation-state and impose genocide. As the LaRouche Youth Movement in Mexico explained in a leaflet (see box), the IFSL is the very group made infamous in Italy as the “Britannia Boys,” the crowd which ordered the speculative attack on Europe’s currencies, carried out by George Soros and cronies, which brought down the European Monetary System in 1992, and with it, the sovereignty of all Europe through the imposition of the Maastricht Treaty and the London-controlled euro system.

The role of the IFSL “Invisibles” in that affair, became very visible when LaRouche’s movement in Italy exposed internationally how the destruction of Italy’s entire postwar political system, the privatization of its public industries, the collapse of the lira, and with that, of the European Monetary System as a whole, was planned in a secret, June 2, 1992 meeting, held off the coast of Italy aboard Queen Elizabeth’s own royal yacht, the *Britannia*, rented for the occasion by the same British “invisibles” now giving orders for the taking apart of Mexico.

The Wise Words of López Portillo

London’s financier imperialists aren’t being shy about their current demands. The latest in the drumbeat

came from the Oct. 15 *Economist*, which railed against so-called “entrenched interests” in Mexico, “corporatist privileges” built up under the 70 years of PRI (Revolutionary Institutional Party) government. They celebrated the Mexican government’s “breaking [of] an overmighty union,” with its summary firing of all members of the Mexican Electrical Workers (SME), but demanded more, starting with the teachers union. The same day, the British wire service Reuters specified that real “fiscal discipline” requires a move against the “bloated” state oil company, PEMEX, and its workforce.

The U.S.-based *Investors Business Daily* could hardly contain its glee. “The stunning decision to disband the company and lay off 44,000 workers effectively ends the SME union. It was the strongest act to support the future of a country since British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher took on the National Union of Mineworkers.”

Even before the midnight raid on LyFC, the country was rife with discussion about, not *if*, but *when* a social explosion would occur. Now there are calls for a general strike, for Calderón to resign, and other radical actions. And, on Oct. 15, upwards of 200,000 people marched to Mexico City’s historic Zocalo square in protest. Aside from the SME, there were thousands of banners, representing such unions as the social security workers (IMSS), UNAM university workers (STUNAM), teachers (CNTE), metro

workers, and others.

The SME is known to be a radical, well-organized union, but radicalism alone will only play into a scenario of chaos and ungovernability, which suits the British just fine. Those participating in the mass explosion in Mexico are still broadly unaware of the actual cause of their misery—the global economic breakdown crisis, and the British policies of genocide—and of the need to adopt the international solutions specified by LaRouche.

Mexico, however, *is* a country with a deep historical tradition of republican nationalism, and of close ties to American System forces in the United States, such as during the periods of the Lincoln-Juárez and the Roosevelt-Cárdenas alliances. More recently, the late President José López Portillo (1976-82) worked closely with American statesman LaRouche to warn his countrymen—and the world—that humanity would soon be facing a New Dark Age, if the world financial system were not totally reorganized. It would be wise for Mexicans and others to recall those words today, which he delivered to the United Nations General Assembly on Oct. 1, 1982:

“We have been a living example of what occurs when an enormous, volatile, and speculative mass of capital goes all over the world in search of high interest rates, tax havens, and supposed political and ex-

change stability. It decapitalizes entire countries and leaves destruction in its wake. The world should be able to control this; it is inconceivable that we cannot find a formula that, without limiting necessary movements and flows, would permit regulation of a phenomenon that damages everyone. It is imperative that the New International Economic Order establish a link between refinancing the development of countries that suffer capital flight, and the capital that has fled. At least they should get the crumbs from their own bread. . . .

“The reduction of available credit for developing countries has serious implications, not only for the countries themselves, but also for production and employment in the industrial countries. Let us not continue in this vicious circle: It could be the beginning of a new medieval Dark Age, without the possibility of a Renaissance. . . .

“We cannot fail. There is cause to be alarmist. Not only is the heritage of civilization at stake, but also the very survival of our children, of future generations, and of the human species.

“Let us make what is reasonable possible. Let us recall the tragic conditions in which we created this organization [the United Nations—ed.], and the hopes that were placed in it. The place is here, and the time is now.”

LyFC Not Bankrupt; World Economy Is!

With this headline, the LaRouche Youth Movement in Mexico issued a statement addressing the crisis triggered by the Mexican government’s Oct. 10 seizure of the Luz y Fuerza del Centro (LyFC) electricity company. The leaflet locates the recent Mexican developments in the broader international context that Lyndon LaRouche has explained with his Triple Curve graphic, and urges people to participate in LaRouche’s Nov. 11 webcast. The leaflet states:

“The seizure of Luz y Fuerza del Centro, although ominous, is only a taste of the kind of fascist austerity that is accompanying the ongoing world financial collapse, which the economist Lyndon La-

Rouche has warned you about for years. It is an action ordered by the international financial oligarchy, headed by the British Empire, to destroy entire nations within that collapse, including Mexico. The financial vultures have already announced it: First they plan to annihilate LyFC and the electrical workers; then the teachers; then Pemex . . . and then, you, dear reader. . . .

“What’s at stake in the assault on LyFC is not simply the appropriation of energy resources internationally, but rather the destruction of the nation-state and its ability to maintain vital functions for the population, reducing energy flux density for the economy. It is the same depopulation doctrine that they are trying to sell you with the ‘environmentalist’ promotion of ‘alternative energy sources,’ whose objective is the reduction of available energy and thereby also of agro-industrial development.”