

Synarchists Declare Mexico 'Ungovernable'

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If Mexican patriots do not awaken from their strategic slumber, Mexico could be transformed, rapidly, into yet another of the "failed states" which U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld hopes to create throughout the continent, to justify intervention by a multinational force spearheaded by the U.S. Army. In addition to guaranteeing payment of the Mexican debt, the target of such an intervention would be the oil fields in the Gulf of Mexico. Nationalist circles in Mexico seem unable to comprehend the situation, blinded by their pragmatism and lack of strategic vision. Only the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) and the Labor Committees, the two organizations associated with U.S. Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, have denounced this scenario for chaos and induced ungovernability, and have catalyzed the programmatic debate required to defeat it.

All the ingredients for transforming Mexico into a new "Venezuela"—a country so polarized that civil war could break out at any time—are already in place. On June 27, "right-wing" synarchist business organizations—headed by the president of the Spanish Banco Santander in Mexico, Marcos Martínez, and by Claudio X. González, the representative of various multinational companies in Mexico; and backed by national television channels such as the Salinas Pliego family's TV Azteca and Emilio Azcárraga Jean's Televisa—organized a "mega-march" in Mexico City. Up to a half-million people, incited by television, radio, and newspapers, came out to protest against "insecurity" in the country. Their presence helped support the typical demands of the Synarchists to impose the death penalty, create a single national police, and, above all, end the Mexican state itself.

As Claudio X. González said, "if a state no longer can provide security . . . it has no reason to exist," brazenly calling upon the citizens to arm themselves. Other right-wing organizations, such as the secretive *Yunque* ("Anvil"), some National Action Party (PAN) circles, as well as various "civil society" and "citizen" organizations, also used the march to push their agenda of so-called "oral trials" against the accused; the jailing of allegedly corrupt judges and magistrates; and the creation of a single national police force modelled on the Nazi SS.

The idea of forming a single national police force subsuming the state and municipal police, wearing a single uniform, and under a single centralized command, was enthusiastically supported by Wall Street's fair-haired boy, Jorge Castañeda,

who has made the discrediting of the institutions of the state and the political parties the central plank of his Presidential campaign.

As part of the chaos scenario, a new scandal was triggered July 4 by the resignation of President Vicente Fox's personal secretary and spokesman, Alfonso Durazo. Durazo resigned, and simultaneously released a 19-page letter exposing the personal weaknesses of the President, his submission to his wife, First Lady Martha Sahagún, disorder inside the ruling cabinet, and government attacks against contenders for the Presidency who are not of Fox's choosing.

After Durazo's resignation, there is now insistent talk about an early resignation or "debacle" on the part of President Fox, similar to what occurred to Fernando de la Rúa in Argentina in 2000. Some business organizations, like Coparmex, speak openly of supposed "ungovernability" in Mexico, and former Government Secretary Diódoro Carrasco warned of a "weakening of the country's institutions," or their possible dissolution, given Fox's lack of credibility.

The synarchist operation is not limited to the so-called right wing. For example, Andrés Manuel López Obrador, the mayor of Mexico City and probable "leftist" candidate in the 2006 Presidential elections, has opted to take advantage of attacks against him by Fox and company to turn his candidacy into a *cause célèbre*, and himself into the "people's hero" who takes on the Federal government. But he has refused to address the real cause behind the current national crisis—the economy—and to propose real solutions. Mexico is in the midst of a serious economic paralysis, weighed down by its more than \$250 billion in real foreign debt which the country could not possibly honor without sacrificing the most basic needs of the population, as is already the case with the scandalous dismantling of the country's health system.

López Obrador reaffirmed his commitment to faithful payment of the foreign debt, to fiscal discipline, and to the austerity ordered by Mexico's creditors and by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), in a June 29 appearance before a forum sponsored by London's *Economist* magazine. He also committed to handing over Mexico's energy resources to "foreign investment"; that is, to multinationals like Halliburton, Shell, Repsol, Iberdrola, etc. In other words, like all the rest of the politicians, López Obrador has remained faithful to the same economic policies that underlie the collapse of the Fox government, along with the national institutions themselves.

Recently, the LYM has circulated a leaflet among Congressmen, government officials, political parties, and others, with the title: "Give Us a Future Worth Living—Not a Dark Age!" The leaflet calls on politicians to defend the country and its economy, and to undertake the construction of large infrastructure projects that could offer today's youth a future. If the political class of Mexico does not do this, the LaRouche Youth Movement will have to take its place.