

Daycare Fire Covers Sonora Election Fraud

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In the midst of the greatest global economic crisis in modern human history, a clear battle between the system of empire, and that of sovereign nation-state republics, is breaking out across the globe. A well-known agent of that empire, British Foreign Office collaborator and mega-speculator George Soros, is the world's biggest drug pusher, disguising his old British East India Company thug tactics with new, more innocuous terms such as harm reduction, and legalization. He has poured hundreds of millions of dollars of his ill-gotten gains into political destabilizations, targetting the development of sovereign nation-states all over the globe, as is typified by his support for the recent attempted coup d'état in Honduras by Manuel Zelaya, a public advocate of drug legalization. Zelaya was ejected from the country by the Congress, the Supreme Court, and the Attorney General, after he violated the Constitution.

Mexico, a long-time target of the apparatus of empire, held national mid-term elections on July 5, in which the entire 500-person House of Representatives and six governorships were up for election. The politically most significant result of the elections was the massive vote fraud committed in the northwestern state of Sonora, and the dirty operations carried out with the intention of defeating Alfonso Elias Serrano, the strongly pro-PLHINO gubernatorial candidate of the opposition PRI party. Due to increasing evidence of electoral fraud, candidate Elias Serrano has contested the results, and the Federal Electoral Institute (IFE) is considering annulling the gubernatorial election in the state of Sonora.

The PLHINO (Northwest Hydraulic Plan), is a great infrastructure project which would create a vast corridor of development in the Northwest region of Mexico, generate millions of productive jobs, and substantially increase food and energy production for the entire nation. U.S. statesman Lyndon LaRouche and his as-

sociates in Sonora and across Mexico have championed the project for decades. Most recently, on Jan. 14, 2009, LPACTV released a dramatic feature video in English and Spanish, entitled “NAWAPA-PLHINO: The Future of the Americas” (www.larouchepac.com/node/9257), which circulated in the tens of thousands in Sonora and across Mexico, in the lead-up to the elections.

Back in early September 2008, LaRouche had warned that the London-directed drug mob would very possibly lash out violently against the PLHINO. Their economic and political control of the region and the country are threatened by economic development projects such as the PLHINO, LaRouche explained. When a wave of bloody drug murders shook Mexico in the following weeks, LaRouche stated bluntly: “It’s Soros, it’s the British. It’s Soros—attacking the flank of the United States.”

The Sonora situation, and the dirty operations to try to defeat Elias Serrano, occurred in the context of overall national electoral results, where his opposition PRI party swept more than 230 of the 500 congressional elections, far better than expected, and won five of six governorships as well.

Elias Serrano had led PAN candidate Guillermo Padres in the Sonora polls by over 20% just one month before the elections. Then, on June 5, tragedy struck. The ABC daycare center in Hermosillo, Sonora, was burned down by a fire, in which forty-eight infants and children perished. Witnesses say they heard an explosion, and the entire building was in flames within five minutes.

The ABC daycare center was one of 1,427 such centers outsourced to private businesses by the government-run IMSS (Mexican Institute of Social Security), as part of a radical revamping of the structure of the IMSS beginning in the mid-1990s, which was imposed on Mexico by London-centered financial interests, to dramatically cut costs and move towards the full privatization of the country’s FDR-style Social Security system. The cost per child at IMSS-run daycare centers is about 7,500 pesos (\$680) per month; whereas costs per child at outsourced private centers is just under 2,300 pesos (\$210) per month—a two-thirds “savings” in costs! The conditions at the outsourced centers are frequently less than human: the facilities are often barely refurbished warehouses, with inadequate fire and safety provisions; in some cases, the space allotted is 1.5 square meters per child; and the personnel in charge of the children receive little training in medical and safety procedures.

The ABC daycare center was located in just such a warehouse, which had only one exit available for the 142 children and six adults trapped inside during the fire. Thus, the daycare fire was a tragedy waiting to happen, or a vulnerability waiting to be exploited.

In the weeks leading up to the elections, signs of a quintessential Soros-style operation were to be seen on all fronts:

1. A bitter duel of culpability was launched between the state PRI and federal PAN governments, resulting in the federal IMSS stating its intention to sue the state. Because owners of the daycare were all politically connected, local party officials were accused of nepotistic and partisan corruption which had led to negligence in the ownership and maintenance of the daycare. A clear Venetian tactic: republican government is dismantled, as its institutions are pitted one against the other, and as pessimism is spread throughout the population.

2. Reflecting Soros’s typical style of “democratic” intervention to fan the flames of chaos and destabilization, popular humanitarian organizations, with international support, entered the scene to demand justice. A media drumbeat picked up, complete with coverage of the vigils, marches, and endless TV interviews with devastated parents, pointing accusing fingers at the sitting PRI governor of the state, Eduardo Bours, and his party, the IMSS, and the President. The day before the elections, thousands took part in a demonstration in Hermosillo against “those responsible” for the tragedy. This orchestrated media campaign was then used to mask what is now emerging as the decisive factor in fraudulently throwing the election to PAN candidate Padres.

3. Mexican drug cartels had threatened earlier in 2008 to burn down daycare centers and primary schools in Sonora and other states, if local authorities did not back down to their demands. Local business owners and producers who had withdrawn their financial support from the PAN candidate Padres, having seen his campaign as a lost cause, began to worry when it became clear that he had found another—rather large—source of funds in the short period leading up to the election.

Let us ensure that George Soros and the purveyors of these types of thuggish tactics and British operations are identified and defeated, before they can strike again. Join Lyndon LaRouche in his efforts to launch an international alliance of sovereign nation states, committed to economic development, and the protection of the general welfare of their people.