

N. Baer, Julius Baer Bank, Switzerland: I've always thought that the Third World was useless. Underdeveloped countries like France and Italy are barking dogs and won't do anything

John Cobb, Editor of Business Week: It'd be crazy for the U.S. to go along. It'd be crazy....

Top Citibank economist: Lot's of people are out to destroy Citibank.

Wall Street Partner: I already know about Colombo because I read about it in the Italian press.

NSIPS: Do you realize the Italian government also supports debt moratorium?

Yes, I would not be surprised...I am very happy about this....By the way, how can I get your material?

Hamburg Banker: I just wrote a paper on the debt. A moratorium on public debt is okay. Not private. I'm one step ahead of the German government....Let's call the thrust of my

proposal a 'conservative-progressive' one. Yes, I have support in industry — chemicals, machine tool and automotive.

Brussels Banker: There's an awful lot of things to do with the Third World, and if it can work, it's just welcome. What is the U.S. backing for the International Development Bank?

Swiss Banker: Neither a surprise nor a shock. It fixes what already was fact. Anyway, most of these 19 countries don't repay their debts. After all, restructuring is better than repudiation, and it is compelled by the Third World's moves.

Herr Titmeyer, W. German Economics Minister Friderichs' top advisor: It is correct that the (U.S. Labor Party's) International Development Bank and the Colombo documents are the same program....Mr. LaRouche is the official spokesman for the Non-Aligned in the advanced sector. Now we are waiting for orders from somebody.

Head of one of big three Swiss banks: We will review our position toward the International Development Bank.

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Mexico

Velazquez, Beteta Use Blackmail And Violence To Stop New World Economic Order In Mexico

Aug. 26 (NSIPS) — Mexico is now a test case for the institution of the new world economic order and the Colombo resolutions of the Non-Aligned group. Through blackmail and terror, Rockefeller's key agents in the country, Mexican Labor Confederation (CTM) head Fidel Velazquez and Finance Minister Mario Ramon Beteta, along with Interior Minister Mario Moia Palencia, are doing everything in their power to sabotage President Luis Echeverria's pro-development policies. High level sources this week report that Echeverria is being forced to hold back from declaring debt moratoria and similar enabling measures toward the new order because of the Velazquez-Beteta blackmail.

Fighting to break this virtual siege, Echeverria is defying his "lame duck" status as no president has dared to do before him. With only 3 months left in his term, Echeverria this week announced an unprecedented series of tours which will bring him to every Mexican state before Dec. 31, and arranged for a series of critical Third World negotiating sessions to take place in Mexico over the next month to prepare strategy for the UN General Assembly meeting opening in late September.

The Sabotage

The Velazquez-Beteta-Moya forces are directly responsible for pressuring the Mexican press to black out the historic economic resolutions passed at the Non-Aligned meeting in Colombo, and the progress of a high level Comecon mission which has been in Mexico since early August. In coordination with the blackout, Velazquez has led an anti-communist witch-hunt drive over the past two weeks fingering the Mexican

Labor Party (PLM) for thuggery and repression. The PLM is widely recognized in Mexico as the principal party organizing for debt moratoria and the new world economic order. Moya Palencia Aug. 24 embargoed programmatic materials arriving for the PLM at the Mexico City airport, labeling the shipment "subversive."

Blackmail

Fidel Velazquez controls an enormous network of thugs to keep individual workers in line and to ensure that in any public show of force, Velazquez can muster more "acarreados" — workers or peasants trucked into rallies — than anyone else. He has built up this network over a 35-year period as chief of the CTM and top anti-communist warrior in the CIA-controlled Interamerican Regional Labor Organization (ORIT).

Velazquez' ultimate weapon, based on this mafioso control, is a **general strike** of the several million nominal members of the CTM — a move which would throw the country into chaos. Velazquez used the threat of general strike to terrify into retreat his opposition in the Democratic Tendency of electrical workers headed by Rafael Galvan in July.

Velazquez has now consolidated his thug forces into a tighter national stormtrooper apparatus through a "training school." The school's director recently announced that the school's first class of "activists" had finished training and was ready for deployment throughout the country to stop "leftist infiltrators" in the labor movement.

The key blackmail weapons which Beteta controls in tandem with Rockefeller's Wall Street apparatus against Echeverria's drive for the new world order are flight of capital and

devaluation of the peso — measures which would collapse the Mexican economy. With the carefully orchestrated devaluation scare of last March and April still very fresh in mind, it is not accidental that talk of devaluation has resurfaced suddenly in the past weeks as the Colombo meeting took place.

Beteta has loyally tried to enforce what he candidly terms "drastic austerity" for the International Monetary Fund and the New York banks since his accession to the Finance Ministry a little less than a year ago. IMF director Witteveen came personally to Mexico after the Jamaica IMF meeting in January to praise Beteta's role in defending New York interests at the conference. Beteta has consistently stacked Mexican delegations to international forums against Echeverria's policies. To circumvent this sabotage, Echeverria sent his pro-development Foreign Minister Alfonso Garcia Robles to head the Mexican delegation to Colombo.

Echeverria: No Lame Duck

On August 24 Echeverria announced tours to all 31 states of the Mexican Republic before December, to inaugurate over 4 billion dollars worth of development projects. His successor, Jose Lopez Portillo, will join him for many of the dedications.

Echeverria Bids U.S. Join New World Economic Order

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 27 (NSIPS) — The following are excerpts from a speech delivered yesterday by Mexican President Luis Echeverria at the dedication of a pest control factory built here as a joint U.S.-Mexican project. President Ford in a show of solidarity with his Mexican counterpart, dispatched his Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz to attend the ceremony.

One of the characteristics of the world of our times is the contrast in technological terms that exists between the developed sector and the more than 100 nations that struggle merely to survive...

This factory is testimony to the cooperation and good will in a plan of mutual respect, providing what each side can offer to resolve a common problem. This is the philosophy of the Charter of Rights and Obligations of Nations, which strives for the example of this plant to be carried throughout the world to lift the standard of living of the vast impoverished majority of the global population, and to ensure the proliferation of peace. This is what the Charter seeks on a world level, and this is the struggle Mexico is carrying out, as you know.

We must be conscious of the fact that the world is one whole — that the human race is confronted with a homogeneity of problems; that regardless of our political, philosophical or religious conceptions, as human beings we believe that man holds a series of values that comprise his dignity...

Only this basic philosophy can ensure peace now and in the future, which is the essential requisite for progress, because if the factors that lead to disagreement multiply, it will unleash the tremendous catastrophe that no one of good will wants on our planet.

Let us struggle, therefore, to multiply the examples of cordial friendship and cooperation, such as this plant; let us strive for solutions for all our problems...

I know well the thoughts of the President of the United States.... We proposed — and have carried out — to step up areas of cooperation, and this plant, like many other activities, is an example of this. Within two weeks, I will be holding meetings with distinguished Americans that will serve as witness to our efforts to search for better roads of cooperation and understanding in every aspect....

We will set up a center for the study of the historic, political, economic, cultural and technological relations between Mexico

Echeverria this week also led a volley of statements demanding technological advance in the context of cooperation between the Third World, the capitalist sector and the socialist sector, while a pro-Echeverria group of young economists took their seats in the new Congress with uniformly strong pro-development speeches.

Following a half-million person peasant rally scheduled August 28 in Mexico City to back up Echeverria's agrarian reform policies, Echeverria will deliver his sixth and last State of the Union message September 1. In the following weeks, he will lead the inauguration of one of the major projects of his term, the Third World University, and welcome the Group of 77 ministers to strategy sessions Sept. 17-21.

This will be the context for the next month's battles between Echeverria's forces and those of Beteta, Velazquez and Moya over whether Mexico leads the effort to implement the Colombo resolutions and the new world order or is locked into policies of slave labor and genocide. Decided support and declarations of debt moratoria from other Third World forces and their allies in advanced sector countries such as Italy, Japan, and France will be crucial elements aiding the Echeverria side.

and the U.S. to determine the roads toward the establishment of norms of reciprocal respect...to determine, as the fathers of U.S. independence sought, the roads toward a mutually respectful and democratic co-existence, and on the basis of cooperation, to make the new world a reality — one in which traditional human purposes can be treasured so that the Americas can again become an example for humanity....

This is the people, Mr. Secretary, that you have as neighbors: fighting, rebellious...but a lover of freedom, seeking a social democracy and an international life founded on justice, equality...in which all peoples have the opportunity to live and realize themselves, to express their potentials.

Tell President Ford that we send him a most cordial greeting.

Velazquez Forces Build A Witchhunt: A Chronology

Aug. 11

Three PLM-CLLA members attacked by professional hit-men while selling the PLM weekly, Nueva Solidaridad, outside a subway station in Tlatelolco. The apparently drugged assailants warned that "You have no right to attack Fidel (Velazquez-Ed.)," and then attacked in professional fashion, two of them holding one organizer while the third worked him over. Two organizers suffered serious head and face injuries.

Aug. 15

A Sonora newspaper quotes Manuel Bobadilla, head of the Sonora CTM, as saying that his organization will actively oppose the work of "leftist groups" who infiltrate "against the institutions of Fidel Velazquez," specifying "the so-called Democratic Tendency (of Rafael Galvan-Ed.), the Mexican Labor Party, and the Christian Democracy." All of these Bobadilla claimed, are linked to the terrorist 23rd of September League.

Aug. 18

Police agents from Moya Palencia's Interior Ministry harass a PLM rally in Sonora, roaming through the crowd, showing their badges to numerous demonstrators.

The Director of the CTM's "Institute of Labor Education"