

## Massacre In Mexico Timed To Intimidate Lopez Portillo

Two heavily armed terrorists murdered close to twenty people in Michoacan, Mexico, Aug. 22, following a shootout with police and military forces. According to the Mexico City press, a grenade exploded inside a bus full of hostages being held by the two members of the so-called People's Revolutionary Armed Forces (FRAP), who demanded the release from prison of several of their members arrested and convicted of the kidnapping of a prominent Mexican citizen three years ago. This is the first known FRAP hit since then, when the FRAP was widely denounced in the Mexican press as a synthetic grouping controlled by U.S. Intelligence agencies.

This terrorist incident, the most bloody ever in

Mexico, came during a strong offensive by Carter-linked Monterrey business circles designed to force President Jose Lopez Portillo to officially endorse International Monetary Fund dominion over the Mexican economy in his first State of the Union Address Sept. 1.

Two days after the Michoacan massacre, terrorist gunmen stormed Oblatos prison in the state of Jalisco in an unsuccessful attempt to free 16 members of the FRAP being held there. By orders of the Interior Ministry, the prisoners have now been transferred to a state military prison. Three gunmen who participated in the failed storming of Oblatos are believed to have escaped to Puerto Vallarta on the Pacific Coast.

Caballero, editor of the MAS newspaper; José Silva Michelena, one of the founders of CENDES; Alfredo Chacón; and Andrés Sosa Pietri.

Domingo Alberto Rangel serves the function of top domestic zero growth ideologue for the ultraleft, particularly the CLER and Ruptura. A former Betancourt minister turned "leftist," he is the leading spokesman for the progress-is-imperialist line, pushing reduced oil production, import and budget cutbacks, primitive slave labor, and generalized austerity. While screaming that modern seed, fertilizer, and tractors for agricultural progress are all imperialist means of altering the backward, starving Venezuelan peasant, Rangel also provides direct protection to terrorists through CLER-CDDH campaigns for the "human rights" of San Carlos prisoners, and similar activities.

Rangel's close collaborator, the misnamed "father of OPEC" Juan Pablo Pérez Alfonso, is the Venezuelan conduit for Wall Street genocide printouts. Also a minister under Betancourt's illegal 1945-48 regime, his particular role is to provide intellectual legitimacy among petit bourgeois layers, which then gets translated into the radical Maoist "anti-imperialist" ideology of the terrorists through Rangel and Petkoff controlled circles. Pérez Alfonso is also a stalking horse. By actually flaunting his connections with the genocidal Club of Rome, the IMF, and Nelson Rockefeller's old IBEC apparatus, he indicates the extent of the potential political support environment for leftist zombies. Two weeks ago, Pérez Alfonso praised World Bank president Robert McNamara, the man who seeks to murder more than a billion people in the developing sector through a return to Hitlerian "primitive technologies," as "the greatest friend of the Third World."

CENDES, the local branch of the IPS, cranks out the "studies" backing up the zero-growth directives of Petkoff, Rangel, and Pérez Alfonso, and provides the classroom material for ideologically conditioning university students that serve as recruiting material for the left-fascist shock troops against industrial growth. Its key figures are Fernando Travieso of the MAS; José

Silva Michelena, who accompanied Petkoff to the Paris conference with Debray, Elleinstein, et al.; and zero-growth economist Domingo Maza Zavala.

### *Launching a Counterterror Campaign*

To summarize the process, the top "left" figures such as Petkoff get the "line" from international IPS networks that there is a "resurgence of fascism" intent on "nuclear proliferation," destroying the environment, corrupting "peasant culture" through the introduction of advanced technologies, and increasing "exploitation" and "profits" through industrial development. Petkoff, Rangel, et al., with backup studies from CENDES, translate these general directives into the particulars of the Venezuelan situation. Through their political arms — Ruptura, PCV, MAS, CLER, etc. — Pérez, Lauria, and the V Plan are presented as "tools of imperialism" and "fascists." With convenient logistical support from Interpol, word gets down to the Bandera Roja psychotics through the ultraleft political parties: revolutionary justice against the Pérez government!

Pro-progress forces in Venezuela must launch an unceasing political education campaign exposing the fact that anyone charging that scientific and technological progress is fascist, is an enemy of the Venezuelan republic. Anyone charging Lauria with being a fascist is himself, consciously or otherwise, a fascist. Government authorities must map out these networks from top to bottom, expose their connections and real intent, and permanently discredit the yankee imperialist notion of zero growth. Simultaneously, Interpol must be expelled from the country. And where evidence merits, particularly in the case of Rómulo Betancourt, Teodoro Petkoff, and Domingo Alberto Rangel, there should be arrests of those aiding and abetting terrorism in whatever form. Finally, it is essential that Venezuelan security authorities promote cooperation with governments such as the BRD and Italy to launch a politically-coordinated counterterror campaign internationally.