

Terrorists Deployed To Halt Lopez Portillo's Development Program

On Aug. 29, two days before President Lopez Portillo's State of the Union Address, the son of Mexican Ambassador to the U.S. Hugo B. Margain was kidnapped by terrorists. The next day Hugo Margain Charles was found dead.

While it has still not been fully established who carried out that attack — the first major act of terrorism in Mexico in two years — the murder was immediately denounced by leading Mexican politicians and press spokesmen as an effort to destabilize the government.

The denunciations noted that the renewed terrorist violence had two immediate purposes: first, to create a backlash against a government "amnesty" program for political prisoners — part of the government's efforts to fully eradicate terrorism; and second, to "soften up" Mexico for the foreign campaign to gain control of Mexico's oil.

The Fanfani Connection

Observers in Mexico also noted that it was not a coincidence that the assassination of Margain Charles occurred shortly after the visit to Mexico of Italian political leader Amintore Fanfani. Fanfani has been identified in Mexico and in Europe as a top agent of the Italian wing of the Black International, functioning in Italy as a key link between London-centered oligarchic layers and the "leftwing" terrorists in their control. In an article this week Mexican columnist Manuel Buendia revealed that the main purpose of Fanfani's visit to Mexico was to coordinate the operations of the Black International networks in Mexico.

While in Mexico, Fanfani openly warned of a new wave of international terrorism, and at a luncheon with the Mexican Rotary Club called for establishing an "international antiterrorist front." The head of the Rotary Club immediately explained how this front would be used to undermine the national sovereignty of nations by noting that it should be "independent of administrative authorities."

Prior to Fanfani's arrival, the environment for

terrorism had been created by such London-sponsored press agents as Jack Anderson and by London *Financial Times* correspondent in Mexico Alan Riding. In the two months preceding the attack Riding and Anderson had helped create the type of anti-government environment propitious for terrorist attacks, including a possible "hit" on the President.

In an article in the *New York Times* July 27 Riding charged that "there is mounting evidence that since President Lopez Portillo took office 19 months ago the government has not only stepped up its campaign against the extreme left, but has also moved sharply against militant peasant organizations, urban squatter groups and independent labor leaders." On Aug. 13 Anderson joined in with a column on a miners' strike in the northwestern state of Sonora which compared the Lopez Portillo government to "Pinochet's Chile or Somoza's Nicaragua." Anderson warned that the government's repression was similar to that which led to the Mexican Revolution.

"Left" Debates "Right"

Within Mexico the terrorist issue has been used to create an antigovernment environment on both the so-called right and left of the political spectrum. The "left" is protesting "government repression" and the "right" is attacking the government for being too soft on terrorists. The net effect of this phony debate is to undermine the government's development efforts.

However, the government has not allowed the outbreak of terrorism to stand in the way of its development policies. In his state of the Union Address President Lopez Portillo announced a limited amnesty program for political prisoners not involved in violent attacks on society. During the past months the government has made clear that it intends to use its Political Reform and amnesty program to successfully eradicate both the environment in which terrorism can be nurtured and the terrorist controllers in the Black International.

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