



Terrorism targets the Americas

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With this week's assassination of two prominent Jesuit clerics in Latin America—the Archbishop of San Salvador Oscar Arnulfo Romero, and a leading Bolivian priest—strategists at the Jesuit Order's Georgetown University in Washington and the Council on Foreign Relations in New York may well see the fulfillment of their plan to replicate Iranian terrorism and “revolution” in the Western Hemisphere.

EIR's assessment is that the mass protest over these two killings will trigger a cycle of left-right violence that could engulf Central and South America, and extend northward into Mexico and the United States. Both victims were outspoken proponents of the “Catholic” brand of “Islamic fundamentalism,” or “Theology of Liberation” of the Jesuits.

That the United States is an included target was signalled by last week's threat from the Puerto Rican FALN and the allied Dominican “M-14” groups to blow up U.S. nuclear plants in solidarity with the “revolutionary” struggle in Latin America.

Whose “Arc of Crisis?”

For months, CFR policymakers inside and outside the Carter administration have carefully nurtured a scenario for bloody battle between Jesuit-controlled “left” and equally Jesuit-controlled “right” gangs throughout South America. What is now rapidly unfolding in the wake of this week's assassinations has made the region an immediate focal point of heightened world war danger, and poses a grave threat to the republic of Mexico.

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According to press sources in Mexico City, officials of the U.S. State and Defense departments are now viewing the Central American and surrounding region as an “arc of crisis,” and have accused both Cuba and the Soviet Union of conspiring to grab Mexico's vast oil wealth. Secretary of State Vance also charged that Cuba was directly involved in fomenting El Salvador's destabilization, by supplying arms to leftist insurgents.

By projecting its own well-known designs on Mexican oil onto the Cubans and the Soviets, the Carter policymakers are situating themselves to carry out two long-held strategic goals: 1) intervene militarily into Central America and the Caribbean under the guise of combatting “Cuban adventurism”; and 2) remove Mexico as a force for industrial development and stability in the region, targeting it for Iranian-style social upheaval.

The Mexican government, through Foreign Minister Jorge Castañeda, responded immediately and angrily commenting that “it would be stupid” to say that either Cuba or the U.S.S.R. were conspiring against Mexican oil. Castañeda also debunked Secretary Vance's charges of direct Cuban involvement in El Salvador. *EIR* has learned this week from sources close to the Council on Foreign Relations that a raging debate is now taking place in Washington policymaking circles over whether or not the U.S. should intervene militarily into El Salvador and the Caribbean. Recognizing the grave threats to its sovereignty implied by these developments, the Mexican government has redeployed troops into its southern border area, known to be a target site for provoked Indian and peasant uprisings, or invasion from Guatemala. A U.S. invasion of Mexican oilfields is also not excluded.

El Salvador

Predictably, an immediate wave of violence has followed the assassination of El Salvador's archbishop Os-

car Arnulfo Romero, who frequently condoned "revolutionary violence" as a legitimate response to social injustices.

The country's largest leftist umbrella group, the "Revolutionary Coordinator," is using the archbishop's March 24 murder—which took place while he was officiating at a mass—as the rallying cry for "revolution." Radical clergy are demanding that the leftists rise up and respond to the Romero killings, believed to have been carried out by professional hitmen. One "liberationist" activist in the U.S. with close ties to Latin America, is already predicting that El Salvador "will have its revolution before November." In Bolivia, one of the areas which "ex" Jesuit Malachi Martin predicted was "about to go," (see interview) over 50,000 people marched in the streets this week to mourn a leftist Spanish Jesuit who was tortured and slain by right-wing forces.

As Latin America enters the traditional pre-Easter Holy Week, characterized by mass religious processions and cult-like rites of penitence, the violence and bloodshed are expected to increase dramatically. Many observers fear that the religious semi-hysteria generated by Holy Week, together with the recent killings, will provide the climate in which "leftist" terrorists can organize largely peasant masses into the same kind of rampaging anti-technology mobs that characterized the "Iranian Revolution."

In Mexico itself, known terrorist controllers such as Cuernavaca's "Red Bishop" Mendez Arceo responded to Romero's murder with the statement that "one cannot forget that there are also many Christians who fight and die for the same cause: Liberation!" Just a week earlier, Mendez had distinguished himself for supporting the terrorist M-19 grouping in Colombia, which is still holding diplomatic hostages in the embassy of the Dominican Republic in Bogotá. Mendez seeks to foment peasant insurgency against President Lopez Portillo's industrialization program.

Leading European terrorist controller Jacques Soustelle (see box) has also been in Mexico over the past few weeks to exhort the peasantry—as well as the Mexican-American population in the U.S.—to reject the modern world in favor of returning to their "Aztec roots." "We should recognize that the solidarity of the Aztecs tends to disappear under the necessities of the present... cities and modern life destroy human ties. Modern inventions separate us whether we like or not," Soustelle raved.

As indicated by the communique issued March 21 in the United States by the Puerto Rican Armed Forces of National Liberation (FALN), and the Dominican "M-14", expanding terrorism is a key adjunct of the "cultural liberation" orchestrated by the likes of Soustelle and their liberal supporters in the United States. The FALN is threatening to blow up U.S. nuclear plants and recreational sites "where only white people go..."

Who is Jacques Soustelle?

A French anthropologist and expert on Mexico's Aztec culture, Jacques Soustelle, since the 1940s has been identified as a British-Israeli intelligence agent and a key terrorist controller with extensive ties into Latin America. A pioneer in "cultural relativism," Soustelle began his agent career inside the "Free French" movement and then government of French general Charles de Gaulle.

Following de Gaulle's return to power in 1958, Soustelle openly broke with the French leader and engaged in anti-de Gaulle political activity. Then began a four-year period of intense terrorist activity by the Secret Army Organization (OAS) and other parallel groups under Soustelle's leadership, as well as active collaboration with the Permindex-organized crime machine, known for its numerous assassination attempts against de Gaulle.

Soustelle has extensive connections in Latin America, and especially Mexico where he is an intimate of Mexico's "Khomeniacs" like the influential poet Octavio Paz and his friend and colleague, writer Carlos Fuentes, both of whom openly promote the "Iranization of Mexico."

Who is the "Red Bishop?"

Mexico's Catholic Bishop of Cuernavaca, Sergio Mendez Arceo, is one of the central Latin American figures in the Jesuit-run "Christian-Marxist Dialogue" and "Theology of Liberation Movement." Today known as the "Red Bishop," he ironically first gained international notoriety in 1960 for his virulent campaign against the Mexican Government's free textbook program, which he denounced as "communist."

Starting with his patronage of the 1962 founding of Ivan Illich's Centro Intercultural de Documentacion (CIDOC) in Cuernavaca, he rapidly assumed his left and proterrorist coloration. Though not a Jesuit himself, Mendez Arceo is closely affiliated with all the major Jesuit projects on the continent. The CIDOC operation is exemplary. CIDOC singlehandedly indoctrinated a full generation of young European priests headed for assignment in Latin America, in "liberationist" support for terrorism. The CIDOC became so notorious that in mid-1969 the Vatican temporarily shut it down.

Mendez Arceo joined with leading Jesuits in a pre-1973 meeting in Chile which officially launched the Theology of Liberation as a defined continent-wide conspiracy.