

## Dateline Mexico by Josefina Menendez

### The PCM, Brzezinski, and Pol Pot

*The relation of the Communist Party to America's national security adviser gets more and more curious.*

Many foreigners invited to listen to President López Portillo's fourth State of the Union address a couple of weeks ago were struck by the vehemence of one particular passage. He inveighed against those who, "due to some inexplicable ideological paradox, or perhaps some intellectual deformities . . . question and criticize the economic growth we have achieved, as if growth were a crime. Let us leave them to stew in their own bile." They wondered what lay behind such a condemnation.

Knowledgeable Mexican analysts had no such difficulty. They know just how badly much of the country's left has degenerated, both politically and morally. And they are aware that these left elements have the ideological support of the U.S. official most responsible for aligning U.S. foreign policy with the genocide of Pol Pot, and for installing Khomeini's dark ages regime in Iran: Zbigniew Brzezinski.

Of particular concern to the pro-industry forces in the government and business community is the current course charted by the Mexican Communist Party (PCM).

A long-persisting, though rarely influential element on the Mexican political scene, the PCM recently achieved greater prominence as a result of Mexico's political reform program. It now enjoys legal status, expanded financial resources and increased media access.

Part of the new money is going

into a glossy, revamped monthly "theoretical" magazine, *Machete*. It's unusual theory: nude women on its covers, constant promotion of homosexuality, even listings of bargain-rate bordellos.

In its July issue, *Machete* had this to say on Pol Pot's murder of approximately half the population of Kampuchea between the years 1975 and 1979. "The entire left felt moved by the kind of massacre carried out by the Pol Pot regime; yet it is unaware that this same kind of massacre was characteristic of the Bolshevik regime for years, when its main leader was Lenin."

Was *Machete* suggesting that Pol Pot's Chinese-directed genocide was permissible because Lenin allegedly did the same? Or was *Machete* making the false comparison—even the most raving anti-communist historians do not level such a charge against Lenin—to show the "moral dilemmas" of a PCM recruit in today's world?

It hardly matters. One has only to look at the already famous Thesis 14, part of a policy document prepared by the party leadership for an upcoming PCM congress.

Thesis 14 assails the Mexican state sector involvement in the economy in terms only used otherwise by rabid Mont Pelerin Society ideologues. "The current state must be radically transformed or even destroyed," says the PCM.

The document specifically attacks the aspect of Karl Marx's

writings—his emphasis on constant development of the means of production—which is incompatible with Pol Pot policies. "The identification of socialism with the development of the forces of production" is one of four principal errors which must be rooted out of the party, the Thesis asserts.

Finally, it scolds leftists for clinging to anticlerical prejudice. Party cadre must cease "to deny the transformations in the Church in our country and the emergence of an advanced Christian current," says the PCM, which marched shoulder to shoulder with the Jesuits of the Theology of Liberation to the shrine dedicated to the Virgin of Guadalupe last April.

It need hardly be stressed how closely this PCM manifesto dovetails with the declared policy objectives of Brzezinski for Cambodia and Iran. Toward Mexico, Brzezinski has expressed his determination never to permit "another Japan south of the border"—that is, the development of Mexico's productive forces, based on sovereign use of its oil resources and under general planning coordination of the state sector.

One of Mexico's most conservative dailies, *El Heraldo*, wondered aloud in mid-August if the PCM wasn't part of "the long arm" of Brzezinski in Mexico.

And when former Democratic presidential contender Lyndon LaRouche recently charged that Brzezinski actively sought control of Mexico's oil and the weakening of its industrialization drive by fostering Iran-style destabilization, observers here noted that one and only one political party of left or right insisted the charge was not worth investigating: the PCM.