

The P-2 death squads

A document on El Salvador outlines the origins of slaughter in Central America and the possibility of reversing left-right collusion.

On March 2, *EIR* founder Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., announced the formation of a new Commission for Free Elections in El Salvador. Heading the Commission, LaRouche announced that it would contact the Presidents of Mexico, El Salvador, and the United States in order to pull together agreement on how to stop the dangerous polarization which appears inevitable following the elections if the situation continues on its present course. Negotiations with insurrectionary groups may be one necessary step, LaRouche specified, and the only military action required is to hunt down and summarily execute every member of the death squads now operating in El Salvador.

The targeting of the death squads brought an immediate response from officials in all three capitals contacted by the Commission. "Nobody at all will say anything about the death squads," one Salvadoran official said nervously. "They function just like the Mafia. Anyone who says a word ends up dead the next day." "You'll never get the families behind the death squads," another Latin American security officer stated. "They run them through the military—and keep their names clean." The following memorandum, produced by Commission member Dennis Small, provides initial leads into precisely those higher levels of control.

The principal reason that the horrible warfare in Central America is rapidly becoming uncontrollable is the activities of **fascist death squads** in the area. These paramilitary groupings are linked to: a) the Italian Freemasonic Lodge **Propaganda-2** (P-2), documented in detail by Italian authorities to be the controllers of both international terrorism and narcotics trafficking; and b) certain contaminated networks inside the United States. It is hardly accidental that U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig—whose name has appeared repeatedly in the Italian press as complicit in the P-2 scandal—has consistently covered

up this death-squad activity.

The spread of these death squads has made the already difficult Central American conflict impossible to negotiate. As long as they are allowed to operate, violence will escalate between "right" and "left" forces in the region. The reasons are elementary.

The function of these P-2 controlled death squads is *not* to end leftist insurrection. Rather their purpose is to create insurgency by using torture and other bestial methods to induce suicidal revenge-reactions among targeted populations. As an op-ed by William Leo-Grande in the March 7, 1982 *New York Times* reported matter-of-factly: "According to U.S. intelligence estimates, for every civilian the Salvadoran army kills, at least 25 guerrilla sympathizers spring up." An entire guerrilla movement can then be created by introducing a handful of leftist **Jesuit** and **Socialist International** terrorist controllers into such a terrorized social environment. "Left" and "right" atrocities are triggered, in which a genocidal "population war" is the final outcome.

El Salvador is already approaching the point of no return in this regard. Guatemala, with the rest of Central America right behind it, is on the edge of such an uncontrollable holocaust.

Four examples illustrate the case:

1) The 'Triple A' and P-2

EIR has confirmed from Argentine and other reliable Latin American sources that there are—as various other media have also alleged—a few dozen Argentine specialists currently in El Salvador, "advising" the military there on counterinsurgency methods perfected through extensive use in Argentina in the 1970s.

It is documented fact that the 1970s anti-terrorist activities in Argentina were run principally by the infamous **Alianza Anticomunista Argentina** ("Triple A") death squad. The creator and controller of the Triple A

was **José López Rega**, the astrologer and principal adviser to Argentine dictator **Juan Domingo Perón**, and the lover and controller of Peron's widow, **Isabel Martínez de Perón**, herself president of Argentina from 1974 to 1976. López Rega is a listed member of the P-2 Masonic lodge, and was on intimate terms with P-2 founder and Mussolini ally **Licio Gelli**.

Even after López Rega's departure from Argentina in 1975, the P-2 apparatus retained extensive influence in the country, especially the military, through individuals such as:

General Carlos Suárez Mason, currently head of the government petroleum company, Yacimientos Petrolíferos Fiscales; **Admiral Emilio Massera** (ret.), the former head of the Argentine Navy who today heads that country's official social-democratic party; **Raul Lastiri**, López Rega's son-in-law who served briefly as president in 1973; **Alberto Vignes**, Foreign Minister of Argentina from 1973 to 1975; **Arturo Frondizi**, president of Argentina from 1958 to 1962.

In addition to the Argentine advisers currently in El Salvador, there are ongoing negotiations to increase this involvement. The Army Chief of Staff of El Salvador, **Col. Rafael Flores Lima**, was recently in Argentina to discuss these matters with his counterparts there, and received a favorable response.

2) The World Anti-Communist League

The **World Anti-Communist League** (WACL) is an umbrella association of anti-communist groupings which includes a number of overt death squads—such as the Cuban exile groups **Alpha 66** and **Omega 7**, and the Guatemalan **Movimiento de Liberación Nacional** (MLN). The ultra-right MLN is headed by **Mario Sandoval Alarcón**—a presidential candidate in Guatemala's recent elections—who is widely reported to be one of the controllers of Guatemala's "**Mano Blanca**" death squad. The **Unification Church** ("Moonies") of Rev. Sun Myung Moon also support WACL. Another curious fact about WACL is that present at its 1967 founding conference was Costa Rican ex-president **José "Pepe" Figueres**, an active member of the Socialist International and a sponsor of the 1979 Sandinista Revolution.

3) Benedicto Lucas García and Permindex

Another controller of the death-squad apparatus in Guatemala is **General Benedicto Lucas García**, the Army Chief of Staff and brother of Guatemala's president, Romeo Lucas García. Besides the ongoing assassination of thousands of Guatemalans, Benedicto is engaged in a special operation to drive thousands of refugees across the Guatemalan border into neighboring Mexico, in order to destabilize that country.

Benedicto was trained at the French military acade-

my St. Cyr, and fought alongside French troops in the Algerian war. During this period he established ongoing contact with the **Organisation de l'Armée Secrète** (OAS) networks around **Jacques Soustelle**, who in turn are linked closely to the **Permindex** assassination capability responsible for the John Kennedy murder and the dozen of attempts on the life of French President Charles de Gaulle.

Reliable sources have informed *EIR* that Benedicto is also closely linked to the powerful Central American apparatus of the American company **United Brands** (previously United Fruit Company.) United Brands has a documented role in training both left and right terrorists in Central America at its **Pan-American Agricultural School** in Tequigalpa, Honduras, and at the Jesuit Loyola University's **Inter-American Center**, in New Orleans. The Honorary Chairman of the Board of United Brands, **Max Fisher**, has strong connections to the Israeli Mossad. Benedicto Lucas García, for his part, is a vocal advocate of the Israeli cause, and has been quoted saying that "Israel is an example for our soldiers."

4) Roberto D'Aubuisson

D'Aubuisson is a former officer in the Salvadoran army who runs a large part of the fascist death-squad apparatus in that country. He was an active participant in the 1980 WACL conference presided over by P-2 member General Suárez Mason. D'Aubuisson today is running for the Constituent Assembly in the March 28, 1982 elections, on behalf of the Nationalist Republican Alliance party, and has vowed: "We will exterminate the guerrillas three months after coming to power. . . . Napalm would be indispensable." His campaign spokesman, Mario Redaelli, is quoted as adding: "We don't believe the army needs controlling. Civilians will be killed, war has always been that way. When the Germans bombed London, they didn't tell civilians to get out of the way first, did they?"

D'Aubuisson's campaign is financed by way of the Miami community of expatriate Salvadorans, Nicaraguans, and Cubans. He has also visited the United States on various occasions, at the invitation of the **Council for Inter-American Security** (CIS) and other groups.

Yet D'Aubuisson's campaign is reportedly receiving support from Salvador's *leftist* insurgents as well. Jorge Bustamante, the head of Salvador's Electoral Commission, recently reported: "I think some leftists will vote for him [D'Aubuisson] also. They know that where you have 3,000 guerrillas today, you'll have 300,000 if D'Aubuisson gets into office."

It is this death-squad apparatus which must be dismantled, if there are to be any negotiations to resolve the Central American crisis.