

# Murder attempt against LaRouche friend in Mexico

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An assassination attempt against a leading member of the Mexican Labor Party (PLM) in Sonora, Mexico, has brought to light new evidence of the coordination between the KGB, Nazi International assets, and the FBI.

The would-be assassin, who lured Prof. Juan Pérez Gil outside the home of a relative and savagely and repeatedly knifed him in the abdomen the evening of Dec. 31, was Guadalupe Mendoza Espinoza. Mendoza Espinoza is an agent of the fascist National Action Party (PAN), a party with longstanding links to both the U.S. State Department and the FBI. He is also a member of the drugrunning gang called Los Panochos, which runs drugs from southern Sonora up to the U.S. border at Tijuana. During mid-1982 elections in Sonora, he resorted to distributing marijuana and other drugs to children in the town of Navojoa to recruit them to the PAN cause. He is formerly a member of the Mexican Communist Party (now the Unified Socialist Party of Mexico, PSUM).

Mendoza's background matches to a "t" the PAN pedigree established in recent *EIR* exposes (see Nov. 29, 1983; Dec. 27, 1983; and Jan. 3, 1984): a Nazi party, involved in drugrunning, being co-deployed by State Department, FBI, and KGB elements.

Pérez Gil underwent four hours of surgery for the knife wounds. At latest report, his condition has stabilized, though he is not out of danger.

For five days, the assassin walked the streets of the southern Sonora town of Navojoa with impunity. The PAN, and allied drug interests command a growing capacity for a "parallel government" in the state, which is a bastion of the PAN nationally. Two local policemen filed a falsified report which denied the seriousness of the wound and misidentified the scene of the crime. A local judge, José Reyes Colin, issued an injunction to prevent action by more honest local officials.

The director of one of the state's principal newspaper, Rodolfo Barraza of *El Imparcial*, refused to print PLM denunciations of the crime on the basis that there was "no evidence" that it had taken place.

On Jan. 5, state judicial police intervened from above and arrested Mendoza. Later the same day Mendoza confessed to the crime. He is being held without bail.

## Why the PLM?

PLM officials played a decisive role during 1983 in exposing the PAN's backers, including the IMF, and the nature

of its violent year-long campaign to overthrow Mexico's republican political system and plunge the nation into civil war—to create a "new Iran" on the U.S.A.'s southern border.

The PLM revelations were instrumental in defeats for the PAN in races they had expected to win in Baja California Norte, Sinaloa, Puebla, and Tamaulipas.

PLM leaders Marivilia Carrasco and Patricio Estévez noted an additional element in the timing of the incident in a Jan. 3 statement, which noted "The attack immediately followed Sonora governor Dr. Samuel Ocaña's insistence in his New Year's message on the need to eradicate narcotics traffic from Sonora within two years. Ocaña affirmed that in Sonora there is an honest job to be done growing food, and no room for producing or trafficking drugs."

"The victories we won against the PAN have brought FBI-KGB double agent José Angel Conchello, the PAN's chief ideologist, and PAN mouthpiece Altamirano Dimas to warn the Interior Ministry that they should not be held responsible for whatever could happen to PLM members, a threat which is now being fulfilled," the PLM leaders added. PAN leader Conchello is famous for having advocated that Mexico adopt the economic policies of Hjalmar Schacht, Adolf Hitler's economics minister.

## Friend of LaRouche

The presidential campaign organization of *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche issued a statement on the attempted assassination of Pérez on Jan. 5. The statement read in part: "The premeditated attempted murder of a personal friend of U.S. Democratic presidential candidate LaRouche, in Mexico, is viewed as signaling increased threat of assassination-attack against LaRouche himself. . . .

"Spokesmen for the PAN had made repeated warnings of violence against friends of LaRouche in Mexico, and prominent PAN supporters and sympathizers have also made similar threats against LaRouche himself. These circles have described LaRouche in such threatening terms as 'that filthy Jew from Philadelphia.' LaRouche has been repeatedly the target of violent published attacks by the notorious Mexican fascist anti-Semite, José Pérez Stuart, a PAN co-thinker who writes for the prominent Mexico City daily, *Excelsior*.

"The possibility that the attempted murder in Mexico might signal early assassination attempts against LaRouche inside the United States is shown by the close connections between the PAN and the Soviet KGB. . . . The closest collaborator of the PAN in attacks on both the Mexican government and LaRouche is the Soviet KGB's official party in Mexico, the PSUM. The PAN is broadly identical to well-known Nazi-Communist assets of the Soviet KGB in the Middle East and Western Europe, and is linked to such circles within Western Europe."

LaRouche's spokesmen demanded that the FBI, the State Department, and the IMF publicly repudiate the PAN, and thus remove any suspicion of their complicity in the attack on Pérez.