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The PAN and U.S. fundamentalist sects

The insurgent party's "Catholicism" is as phony as its "conservatism," according to new investigations.

Last Jan. 7, leaders of the National Action Party (PAN) met in the border city of Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua to announce a winter offensive against the federal government.

The insurgent PAN has been carrying out a campaign of violence for several weeks now. In the middle of December, several thousand PAN militants clashed with police forces in the capital of the state of San Luis Potosí, leaving 100 people wounded and one dead. In Chihuahua, the mayor of Ciudad Juárez, Francisco Barrio, declared a hunger strike, and the other PAN mayors of the state's smaller towns joined him. In Chihuahua and Nuevo León, PAN members blocked the highways and seized government offices. In the state capital of Durango, which has a PAN mayor, signatures were collected to protest the electoral law passed by the Chihuahua state legislature, where the PRI, Mexico's ruling Revolutionary Institutional Party, has a thin majority. The law sharply restricts the electoral activities of the National Action Party.

During the meeting in Ciudad Juárez, the PAN leader in the neighboring state of Sonora, Norberto Corrella, blasted President Ronald Reagan for backing Mexico's President Miguel de la Madrid, who is from the PRI. It is no accident that the PAN's forays, although the PAN styles itself as "conservative," are supported in Mexico by the Unified Socialist Party of Mexico (communist party) and the Revolu-

tionary Workers Party (Trotskyist).

At the same time, *EIR's* investigations into the PAN in Chihuahua reveal the relations of this insurgent outfit with pseudo-Christian fundamentalist sects in the United States, whose character is actually satanic.

Herein is revealed another of the ironies between the PAN's public image and its real nature. Although nominally Catholic, the PAN in recent years has been heavily infiltrated by fundamentalist sects. The most interesting case is that of the Movement of the Internal Path of Love, whose matrix in the United States is Insight Transformational Seminars, headquartered in Santa Monica, California.

This sect has held two important seminars. The most recent occurred on Aug. 21-25, 1985, and was attended by PAN leaders from Chihuahua such as Luis H. Alvarez, mayor of Chihuahua City, the capital. But what was surprising was the presence of Alfredo Rohana, the secretary-general of the PRI in Chihuahua and one of the strongmen behind the ruling party's candidate for governor of the state, Fernando Baeza. According to information received by *EIR* on the meeting, its leader, John Roger, "is placed on an altar surrounded by candelabra and lighted candles with a profusion of flowers," and the fanatical practices of the group "have led to neurophysiological and psychological lesions because of the multiple shock therapy administered." In the same sessions

where shocks are given, grave personal conflicts have been provoked which ended in "several divorces, marital conflicts, [fights] between parents and children, alienation of families and political fanaticism." The report also indicated that "death threats against those who publicly denounced the sect" have been made.

Private investigators in Chihuahua have alleged that the head of the sect, John Roger, is the son of an ex-adviser on intelligence matters to Jimmy Carter, the former U.S. President. The assertion is lent probability by the fact that Carter, himself a fundamentalist, was notoriously the creature of the Trilateral Commission of the Rockefeller family, which during his administration fostered and financed Protestant fundamentalist movements in Ibero-America as a means of destroying the values of Catholic morality imbued in those populations. The Rockefellers were denounced by name recently by papal spokesman Cardinal Ratzinger, for fostering such cults in order to promote their own evil economic interests.

Roger is called "The Messenger of Light" or the "Cosmic Voyager," but he prefers to call himself the "Incarnation of Christ." Of course, Charles Manson said he was a kind of Christ, and the world found out what he was capable of. This explains the alarm in certain Mexican military layers over the proliferation of such sects at the northern and southern borders, which they see as a grave threat to Mexico's national security.

In fact, the sessions of the Insight Movement are not delimited to destroying moral values or minds. They are also circulating questionnaires of a strategic character. In one of the questionnaires handed out at the August session, attendees were asked to "briefly describe some kind of military service and your feelings about it."