

Operation Juárez: thumbnail history of an idea

1982. (April: New York) Collaborators of Lyndon LaRouche in the National Democratic Policy Committee rally throughout the U.S. to defend Argentina against British colonialism. In May, LaRouche visits Mexico, where he meets President López Portillo. Responding to requests from Mexican political leaders for a proposal on the debt, LaRouche writes "Operation Juárez."



1983. (September: Seattle) NDPC supporters "bury" the International Monetary Fund in nationwide rallies and demand backing for Operation Juárez, together with a vigorous campaign in support of President Reagan's beam-weapons defense program, launched in the spring of the year.



1984. (July: Buenos Aires) Lyndon LaRouche, a Democratic candidate for U.S. President, confers with Peronist trade union leaders. He meets President Alfonsín on the same trip. LaRouche campaigns in the U.S. for his proposal to collaborate with Ibero-American Presidents to solve the debt problem, featuring it on several of his 16 national half-hour television broadcasts.





1985. (November: Rome): The Schiller Institute, founded by Helga Zepp-LaRouche, parades in Italy to greet Peruvian President Alan García. García since taking office in July has defied the IMF, set a ceiling on foreign debt payments, and launched an all-out war on drugs. In September, a Schiller Institute Trade Union Commission group met with García in Lima.



1986. (June: Chicago): The Illinois Democratic campaign of LaRouche Democrats Janice Hart and Mark Fairchild, makes "Operation Juárez" and support for Alan García a central issue for American voters. Fairchild and Hart's victory in the March primaries for the Democratic nomination to statewide office has reverberations all over the world.



1987. (March: Paris): Brazil's Finance Minister Dilson Funaro is greeted in Paris by Schiller Institute representative Christine Bierre, after Brazil's historic declaration of a moratorium on the foreign debt on Feb. 20. Brazilian press runs photos of the banner, "Brazil 1, IMF 0, Yes to Debt Moratorium—Schiller Institute," raised outside the French Finance Ministry.