

United States fomenting 'Shining Path' genocidalist takeover of Peru

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The Anglo-American financial elite has declared, in so many words, that it intends to eliminate the nation of Peru from the world map. Less than a month after Alberto Fujimori assumed the presidency, conclusive evidence has been gathered that the means by which Anglo-American policymakers intend to accomplish that hideous goal, is by bringing to power the Shining Path killers, the Peruvian allies of Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge in Kampuchea.

Citibank chairman John Reed pronounced the bankers' death sentence on Peru as President Fujimori assumed office on July 28. "If you look at a map of the world economy, you'll see that there are countries that have disappeared. . . . Peru and Bolivia will disappear. The Soviet Union had better watch out, because it could disappear," Reed told *Veja* magazine during a visit to Brazil at the end of July. Any country which opts for confrontation with its international creditors will face this treatment, Reed threatened. It has happened before in history, he noted. After World War II, the nation of Burma "disappeared. . . . It was a rich country, like Brazil."

Reed repeated that message insistently during his trip to Brazil. Peru, like Nigeria, dared suspend interest payments on their debts, and they "have been wiped off the face of the map by the world economy," he told *Jornal do Brasil* in an interview published on Aug. 1.

Twice in the past two decades, Peruvian governments have rebelled against strangulation of their nation by international usury. Each failed, but the governments of Gen. Juan Alvarado Velasco (1969-75) and Alan García (1985-90) attempted to catalyze other developing nations into joining Peru in an effort to force the industrialized nations to transform the international monetary system from a tool of looting, into a force for development.

The military and Catholic Church in Peru provided the institutional backbone for these efforts. For that reason, the Anglo-American establishment has decided that those institutions must be crushed.

Fomenting 'Indian' rebellions

No more efficient instrument than Shining Path could exist to accomplish this goal. Like the Khmer Rouge—which the Bush administration supports with arms—Shining Path has declared Western civilization, and urban life itself, to be the oppressor to be eradicated from the nation. Teachers, agrarian extension agents, mayors, anyone with some learn-

ing and authority in the areas taken over by Shining Path, have become targets of bestial assassinations.

For the past year, the central premise of Ibero-American studies undertaken by think tanks serving the Anglo-American Establishment has been that Ibero-America is inexorably entering, in the words of David Ronfeldt of the Rand Corp., a "new Dark Age [in which] violence and chaos" reign. Numerous analysts have dismissed Peru as a nation of the "least hope."

The premise is not an idle prediction. The Summer 1990 edition of the *Wilson Quarterly*, published by the Woodrow Wilson Center, details how the Anglo-American Establishment intends for the mass spread of the kind of bestial "Indian" ideology espoused by Shining Path to be the driving force pushing Ibero-America into darkness.

The issue is dedicated to "Latin America's Indian Question." The editors declare racial conflict to have been the determining feature of Ibero-America's past history, and that the region can expect to be transformed into a battlefield between the races. "Indian studies" must now focus all "scholarly" work being carried out in the U.S. on Ibero-America, the magazine argues. Any nation which defies this racist view "will ignore the Indian question only at their peril," the editorial threatens.

The editors make no attempt to hide that their advocacy of this so-called racial issue is, in fact, a declaration of war against Ibero-America's Catholic culture. The Catholic Church plans to celebrate the upcoming 500th anniversary of the discovery of the Americas in 1492 as the introduction of Christianity to the New World. The *Wilson Quarterly* demands the anniversary be celebrated as "the 500th year of Indian resistance" against Spanish culture.

Who are these fanatics? The Woodrow Wilson Center is one of the bankers' top think tanks for Ibero-American policy. Citibank's John Reed sits on its board, along with Secretary of State James A. Baker III and Max M. Kampelman, honorary chairman of organized crime's lobby, the Anti-Defamation League. Dwayne O. Andreas, chairman of the grain cartel's Archer Daniels Midland company, is the vice chairman of its board of trustees.

The Inter-American Dialogue, the Establishment's informal leadership body for the Americas, was founded at the Woodrow Wilson Center; Sol Linowitz, co-chairman of the Dialogue since its founding, sits on the Center's "Wilson

Council.”

Unabashed racism gone mad

The *Quarterly* dedicates its lead article to Peru. Author Peter Klären, director of Latin America Studies at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., states that Peru's economic crisis has served the purpose of ensuring the military will never wish to return to power; economic devastation, he writes, has been the “salvation” of Peru.

Klären's main thesis is that the Spanish conquest was evil because it led to *changes* in the backward and imperial Incan culture, society, and economy. He protests the “brutal subjugation” of the Indians by such means, for example, as the “hispanization” of Andean agriculture, where new food products, such as grains and meat, were introduced into the diet of the region as substitutes for “traditional tubers, maize and fruits.” He complains that the Spanish introduced a monetary economy, replacing “the Incaic concept of reciprocity and redistribution,” a euphemism for the Incan imperial state.

Klären expresses outrage that persons of Indian birth have become integrated into modern life in Peru, and that the Spanish allowed mixing of the races. One legacy of the Spanish colonization, he moans, has been “the conversion of Indian peasants into miners and city dwellers . . . this, combined with racial mixing, created an ever-growing *mestizo* problem. . . . Today, only 45% of Peru's population is Indian.”

Klären carries this racist outlook to say that Shining Path's war against civilization is the continuation of “500 years of Indian resistance.” He acknowledges that Shining Path—which he claims has 5,000-7,000 fighters and is “probably the wealthiest guerrilla movement in modern history,” collecting “perhaps \$30 million” in war-taxes each year from the Colombian drug traffickers controlling Peru's coca growing—represents “murderous fanaticism,” but justifies this rebellion as against the Conquest.

“Andean history is full of desperate Indian peasant uprisings,” he writes. “Seeking support of the Indian masses, Shining Path leaders today are not so very different from those creole rebels of the past. . . . They seek to harness the grievances of the Indian proletariat and dispossessed peasants to their own political agenda.”

In Brazil, the real agenda revealed

An article on “Brazil's Significant Minority” in the *Quarterly* states more directly how the so-called “Indian” question is being used to achieve the priority objective of the Wilson crowd: the destruction of the military in Ibero-America. David Maybury-Lewis, the author, is a British-trained anthropologist who uses his teaching post at Harvard as a base for operations against numerous developing sector countries. Maybury-Lewis may surpass Klären in sheer racism and advocacy of primitivism over Christian civilization.

He argues that *assimilation* of Indians into national development must be stopped, that Brazil's melting-pot identity

must be replaced by a notion of man determined by race, to be codified in the constitution. If he were successful, not only would Brazil's few Indians never leave the Stone Age culture in which they currently barely survive, but *all* of Brazil's people would be driven back into the “Indians' way of doing things.”

Discussion of the “Indian question” is nothing but a “pretext, or cover, for discussing the military's development program,” he states bluntly. He complains that the military has become synonymous with development projects and nation building, and he denounces them for the “uninhibited development programs pushed by the generals during their 20-year rule,” “unbridled frontier expansion,” and “grandiose development policies.”

State Department policy

The question is, is it Bush administration policy to bring Shining Path to power in Peru?

For at least two decades, successive U.S. administrations have carried out the policies demanded by bankers such as Reed. It is also incontestable that, according to official documents published by the State Department, a primary objective of U.S. policy has been to weaken the Catholic Church and the military in the region, in the name of securing “democracy.”

Also, the associate dean of Latin American studies at the State Department's Foreign Service Institute throughout most of the 1980s, David Scott Palmer, was a Shining Path “specialist” who has compared Shining Path's fighting in Ayacucho today to Simón Bolívar's final battle against the Spanish crown in 1824. Palmer, still an official adviser to the Bush administration on Peruvian matters, told a seminar at the National Defense University in April 1984 that it is “conceivable . . . that the Battle of Ayacucho in the 1980s may acquire the same significance for the ‘liberation’ of the marginalized of Latin America that the Battle of Ayacucho of 1824 did in the struggle for independence from Spain.”

Finally, the two thrusts of Bush administration policy toward Peru can lead to no other result. First, is its insistence that Peru's government adopt an economic “shock” policy, leaving millions with a caloric intake as low as that in the Nazi concentration camps. What the president of the Economists' Association in Peru, Manuel Lajo, termed “genocide,” the State Department hailed in a telegram: “The United States congratulates President Fujimori for having acted courageously to reestablish the stability of the Peruvian economy.”

The Bush administration also insists U.S. special forces should lead combat against Shining Path in the jungle areas where drug traffickers have established their operations. No more effective cover could be provided to Shining Path as a nationalist resistance movement against foreign troops sent by a government universally viewed as responsible for a policy of economic genocide.