

## Panama Report by Carlos Wesley

### EIR exposé used to expose narcos

*Son of a witch wails against LaRouche after officials of the U.S.-installed regime are nailed for their drug connections.*

Officials of the narco-government installed by George Bush in Panama are gnashing their teeth at Lyndon LaRouche and *EIR*. Their ire was provoked by a three-part series exposing some of their drug money-laundering activities, written by journalist Luis de Janón in his Ave Fénix column published in *La Estrella de Panamá*. The exposé relied heavily on the Spanish-language edition of *EIR*'s 1987 Special Report entitled "White Paper on the Panama Crisis: Who Wants to Destabilize Panama and Why?"

As this column reported earlier, in 1990, Banco Interoceánico, a.k.a. Interbanco, was revealed to have been primarily a drug money laundromat for the late Medellín cocaine cartel kingpin Gonzalo Rodríguez Gacha. The U.S.-installed President of Panama, Guillermo ("Honeybuns") Endara, was a co-owner of Interbanco and one of its directors. Spanish and U.S. law enforcement officials revealed that Endara's Interbanco was also linked to two other top cocaine kingpins, Jorge Ochoa, of the Medellín Cartel, and Gilberto Rodríguez Orejuela, of the Cali Cartel.

Interbanco went under after the story broke in 1990. To save what he could, Guillermo Ford, one of Panama's two vice presidents, who was then minister of planning and finance, became Interbanco's "curator," according to De Janón. To sell off the remaining assets, a "liquidator" was named: Alvin Weeden Gamboa, a frontman for the drug syndicate.

Soon, irregularities developed, so

Judge Emilio Effio fired Weeden as liquidator of Interbanco. Weeden responded by proclaiming his probity and questioning that of the judge. This outrageous behavior, wrote De Janón on Oct. 12, was just too much. "So I decided that the time has come to make public" the *EIR* report on Panama.

Over the next three days, De Janón excerpted the *EIR* report that recounted Weeden's role as a mule in the drug money-laundering ring set up for convicted drug trafficker "Tony" Fernández and others by Stephen Samos. The series profiled the ring members: Samos, the brothers Iván and Winston Robles, their sister Alma Robles, who was Samos's former wife, and others.

The money was passed through Fernández's Sunshine Bank and through Dadeland Bank of Florida. The latter was owned by Vice President Guillermo Ford (the curator for Endara's Interbanco before Weeden was assigned to liquidate it), by Carlos Rodríguez (Endara's first ambassador to the United States), and by Roberto "Bobby" Eisenmann.

Weeden, Eisenmann, and the Robles brothers had organized a party, the social democratic PAPO, to oppose Gen. Manuel Noriega. Eisenmann also founded a daily newspaper, with help from the United States, Panama's *La Prensa*, and appointed Winston Robles editor.

The "La Prensa syndicate" took in other laundry: Eisenmann's Dadeland Bank was also the key financial institution for the Medellín cocaine car-

tel's top money launderer, Gonzalo Mora, according to U.S. court documents, and there is other dirty linen relating to the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI).

Given the uproar generated by De Janón's exposé, Eisenmann responded. He deployed his pet scribbler, Guillermo Sánchez Borbón to pen a diatribe in the Oct. 15 *La Prensa*, slandering *EIR* and its founder and contributing editor LaRouche.

According to Sánchez Borbón, it was LaRouche's conception "that history consisted of a secret struggle between Aristotle and Plato (I can't recall which of the two he favored). In that struggle were sneaked in—I don't know how, nor when, nor why—the Gnostics, a favorite target also of Seineldín," referring to Argentine nationalist military leader Col. Mohamed Alí Seineldín. Sánchez didn't even attempt to deny the charges of his boss's drug money-laundering. Instead, he said De Janón was "nuts" for citing *EIR*.

Panamanians didn't buy it. As De Janón noted in a column in the Oct. 20 *La Estrella*, the fact is that these "well-known 'anti-corruption' fighters"—Weeden, the Robles family, Rodríguez Ford, Eisenmann—were involved in drug money-laundering and Sánchez Borbón cannot erase the truth with "his warlock pen." In an earlier slander against LaRouche, Sánchez had taken up the cudgels for Basilides, a second-century heretic exalted by the Gnostics, a satanic cult with weird sexual practices.

De Janón recalled that Sánchez authored an autobiographical pornographic novel in which the hero is the son of a witch, the *Tulvieja*, who drowns her offspring. The protagonist of Sánchez grows up to be a bisexual who engages in every sort of polymorphous perverse practice, similar to that of the gnostic cult Sánchez defends.