

Editorial

Who is violating human rights?

Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) and Rep. David Obey (D-Wisc.), the chairmen of the foreign operations subcommittees of the U.S. Senate and House, have issued an open letter demanding that the Clinton administration withhold aid from Peru until the government of that nation stops “human rights violations” against the Shining Path terrorists. As their letter made headlines, and was editorially endorsed by the *New York Times*, the news came from Peru that Shining Path had just massacred 55 members of an Indian tribe in the Amazon jungle, perpetrating unspeakable tortures against its members, including young children, before killing them.

If the U.S. Senate and Congress are really concerned about human rights violations, they should look to the situation right here at home, before we can trust them to perceive what a human rights violation is. The illegal imprisonment of Lyndon LaRouche and several of his associates is the primary case in point.

Everyone on Capitol Hill — except the odd moron or the guy who’s been locked in the closet for the past five years — everyone in the Justice Department, and everyone at the White House, knows that LaRouche is innocent. He was thrown into prison in response to demands by the Soviet government, and because of the personal hatred of him by George Bush and his friends. The charges against LaRouche are phony, and the whole case was a fraud from the beginning.

Now, around the world, governments and leading political figures are telling the United States government, and President Clinton personally: “Get this guy out of jail, he’s innocent! You — the United States — have a human rights violation!” That is what the Senate and House should be investigating.

What are the facts on Peru?

The government of President Alberto Fujimori has successfully crushed one of the most evil, most dangerous terrorist operations in the world, within a period of approximately a year. That is a miracle! Now it doesn’t mean that Shining Path has been completely exterminated. It probably is about 80% gone, and has been

rendered ineffective in most of the country. Peru acted against the foreign-directed terrorists, run through places like the British Tavistock Institute and France’s Sorbonne.

The danger remains that Shining Path might be brought back. It is like tuberculosis: You get TB; you take medication; you control it. But you’ve still got the TB in your system. You can do all kinds of normal things, as long as you don’t become immune-suppressed; but if you become immune-suppressed, the TB will break out again, and it can kill you.

Shining Path terrorism is a disease, a foreign-injected disease, injected by the Communist International and others into Peru in the 1920s. It’s a very small infection, based on people who are not Indians but are largely French-speaking.

If Peru’s government were to be crushed, then this disease would break out again. The government of Fujimori has therefore carried out a crushing defeat of the terrorists. They are the worst in the world, comparable to Pol Pot’s Khmer Rouge in Cambodia, or Radovan Karadzic’s Bosnian-Serb mass rapists and genocidalists. But even though Fujimori defeated them, the infectious agent is still there.

The United States government, in a faction at the State Department and other sections of the intelligence community associated with Luigi Einaudi, is determined to destroy Peru. They have chosen this communist terrorist group, Shining Path, as their agent.

It is the United States government and the human rights organizations working with Einaudi, which are today the backers of Shining Path. The “human rights violations” in Peru, are the human rights violations induced by the policies of the United States government, among others. Senator Leahy and Representative Obey don’t know what they’re talking about, and they would be much more credible, if they would do something about getting Lyndon LaRouche out of jail. Then we’d be willing to listen to their judgment a little more readily, on matters of human rights violations outside the United States.