

## Report from Rio by Silvia Palacios

### Workers Party under investigation

*Revelations of the PT's illegal activities and terrorist ties may doom "Lula's" electoral bid.*

**T**he pro-communist Brazilian Workers Party (PT), a left-wing tentacle of the U.S. State Department, is now the object of a congressional investigation which threatens to reveal the truth about its foreign financing and ties to terrorism.

Many political groupings share the pragmatic belief that accusations against the PT are simply political opportunism related to the 1994 presidential election, in which PT leader Luiz Inacio "Lula" da Silva is a presidential candidate. Several polls report that Lula is ahead in the electoral race, with 31%. However, if the investigation is thorough, it can prove that the PT is maintained by the international oligarchy's supranational apparatus through non-governmental organizations (NGOs) whose goal is to destroy national sovereignty.

On Nov. 17, the Congress created a Congressional Commission of Inquiry (CPI) to investigate the sources of PT financing. Sen. Espiridião Amin charged that the PT receives clandestine funds from the CUT trade union confederation which constitute a type of parallel account. It is a well-known fact that the PT's leadership controls the CUT. At the same time, the CUT receives large amounts of money from abroad. Although such contributions are permitted by law, they cannot be legally channeled to sustain the activities of a political party.

The CUT's own president, Jair Menguelli, was forced to admit that 20% of the federation's annual budget comes from foreign trade unions in Italy, France, Spain, Belgium, Germany, Britain, as well as from NGOs.

Over half of the foreign funds come from Dutch NGOs, which in turn work with the Marxist theology of liberation movement.

The PT, which is also dominated by the theology of liberation ideology, is a member of the São Paulo Forum, the coalition of Ibero-American left-wing parties created by the Cuban Communist Party after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Encouraged by the Anglo-American elites, including the Washington-based Inter-American Dialogue think-tank, the Forum's member parties have a common strategy to take power in several countries in the near future, if necessary through violent means.

In a recent interview published in Uruguay, Lula explained that the "democratic left," as the Forum's members call themselves, is growing rapidly on the continent and will enjoy big electoral victories. However, as soon as the congressional investigation began, PT leaders took off their pacifist masks. PT Deputy José Dirceu warned, "If you plan to use the Commission of Inquiry to defeat Lula, there will be civil war."

This is not just bravado on Dirceu's part. The other scandal in which the PT is embroiled involves its ties to the terrorist network backed by Fidel Castro, whose activities came to light with the May 1993 explosion of a huge weapons arsenal in Managua, Nicaragua.

Both the Canadian government and Parliament are pressuring Brazil to extradite two jailed Canadian citizens, David Spencer and Christine Lamont, members of a continental network which in December 1989 kid-

napped Brazilian supermarket magnate Abilio Diniz. In the Managua bunker, Interpol discovered documents belonging to the Canadian couple indicating that the ransom money they received for the Diniz and other kidnappings went to finance terrorist activities in Ibero-America.

The Nov. 21 issue of *O Globo* reported on other documents found in the Managua bunker on Brazilian parties and security services; the report on the PT described it as a "political group made up of orthodox as well as modern Marxists and Trotskyists." This accurately reflects the various tendencies operating within the PT.

Two individuals who have been particularly active in seeking the extradition of the two Canadian terrorists are PT Sen. Eduardo Suplicy and Cardinal Evaristo Arns. If the two were to be extradited, the 28-year prison term they were given in Brazil would be reduced in Canada, and they would probably serve no more than three years. Eduardo Suplicy has lobbied Brazilian authorities on the Canadians' behalf, arguing that the two "were ignorant" of the scope of the terrorist operation in which they were involved.

Cardinal Arns has even sent written testimony to the Canadian Parliament affirming his "profound conviction of Christine and David's innocence." One of the most visible leaders of liberation theology, Cardinal Arns is well known for his friendship with Castro and his defense of continental terrorism. Together with "ex"-terrorist Frei Betto and liberation theologian Leonardo Boff, Arns controls the PT. This trio has placed at the PT's service the Ecclesiastical Base Communities, modeled on those set up by Nicaragua's Sandinistas. This is the apparatus which is preparing the PT's 1994 electoral victory.