

## EIR Feature

# Shining Path North narco-terror hits North America

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In less than two weeks, the narco-terrorist grouping known as the Zapatista National Liberation Army (EZLN) has transformed Mexico's domestic political situation in a breathtaking and very dangerous fashion. As a result of the EZLN's military assault on six towns in the southeastern state of Chiapas on Jan. 1, and President Carlos Salinas de Gortari's capitulation to the fierce domestic and international pressures which followed, the very existence of Mexico as a sovereign nation-state is now jeopardized, with implications for the stability of the entire hemisphere, including the United States.

As we document below, the EZLN's assault in Chiapas and its claims to be acting on behalf of impoverished Mayan Indians of the region against an "authoritarian" Army and free trade economic policies, is a fraud. Rather, this *northern* version of Peru's murderous Shining Path (*Sendero Luminoso*) terrorists represents a new phase in the Anglo-American establishment's plot to dismember the sovereign states of Ibero-America, along with their most vital national institutions—the Army and the Catholic Church—and eliminate from the hemisphere all vestiges of western Christian civilization.

The destruction of the Mexican Army is a necessary objective of the Chiapas insurgency to clear the way for dividing the nation into warring ethnic enclaves not unlike those created with the aid of British intelligence in former Yugoslavia. Mexico is only the first target. Almost overnight, the surfacing of the Chiapas insurgency has activated a continent-wide terrorist and "indigenous" support apparatus whose leaders are loudly predicting similar violence in their nations. At the center of this mobilization is the São Paulo Forum, the Cuban-created umbrella group of the continent's leftist and narco-terrorist organizations.

### **British intelligence is EZLN's mother**

*EIR* warned over a decade ago of plans to bring the barbaric warfare of Peru's Pol Pot-like terrorists to Mexico. We said at the time that Quechua Indians did not



Indians in Zinacatlán, in the western area of the Chiapas highlands, among the areas being terrorized by the narco-terrorist killers.

create Peru's Shining Path; foreign anthropologists and ethnologists trained in London or at the Sorbonne in Paris did, as part of a project designed principally by British intelligence. The pawprints of Anglo-French ethnologists, who made Mexico their laboratory for such operations, are all over the Chiapas project. Earlier in this century, such French ethnologists as Paul Rivet, Jacques Soustelle, and Claude Lévi-Strauss conducted detailed profiles of Mexico's Indian populations. We show in this report that a sophisticated Shining Path-like narco-terrorist apparatus, with an "indigenous" cover, has been operating in Mexico for years. The international media's line about desperate Indians spontaneously rebelling against oppression, is a lie.

In 1847, it was the British who instigated a violent uprising of the Mayan Indians in Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula against the state's *mestizo* population, as part of their geopolitical gameplan for the entire region. Under the direction of British intelligence's Lord Palmerston and his protégé Giuseppe Mazzini, creator of the insurrectionary Young Italy and Young Europe, similar "Indian" and other wars occurred throughout Ibero-America, designed above all to balkanize the continent and smash any nascent nation-building tendencies which threatened the dominant role of free trade policies.

Today, it is the financial and political institutions demanding the continued imposition of British free trade, and the phony "democracy" which goes along with it, which organize and finance the continent's many "Indian rights" movements. These include the Inter-American Development

Bank and the World Bank, as well as the Inter-American Dialogue, a type of Trilateral Commission for Ibero-America. Parading around spokesmen such as Guatemala's terrorist leader Rigoberta Menchú Tum, their purpose is not only to destroy national sovereignty but exterminate those very Indian populations they claim to defend. Over 25,000 Peruvians have died over the last decade as a result of Shining Path's bloody warfare.

Mexico's *Siempre!* magazine was the first outside of *EIR's Resumen Ejecutivo* to counter the enormous psychological warfare and lies about the causes of the Chiapas violence by publishing an extensive interview with Marivilia Carrasco, a leader of the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement (MSIA) which shares the thinking of American statesman and *EIR* founder Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. The Anglo-American establishment, Carrasco stated, "uses indigenism as a weapon against nation-states. They have deliberately created an ethnic strategy. . . . London universities did the ethnic profiles of the nations which made up Yugoslavia. . . . Of course, this couldn't happen without the economic policies of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. The Yugoslavian situation we now see reflected in southeastern Mexico and in Central America."

Initially, the Mexican government's response to the EZLN assault in Chiapas was that "this is not an Indian uprising." Ruling out negotiations with the terrorists, government communiqués reported that 30% of the EZLN's membership, which it estimated could number in the thousands,

was Central American. While some of its members may be Indians, the government concluded, its leaders were *white* professionals, "experts in conducting acts of violence and terrorism, well educated, both Mexican and foreigners."

On Jan. 6, the Interior Ministry issued a detailed profile of the EZLN's sophisticated capabilities, including its weaponry, 15 training centers, 172 communications bases, and methodology. It also charged that priests belonging to the Catholic Church's liberation theology faction, represented in the Chiapas diocese of San Cristóbal de las Casas by "red bishop" Samuel Ruiz, are a crucial element in the EZLN's organization. In his Jan. 9 homily in San Cristóbal, Ruiz referred to the Zapatistas as "our rebel brethren" who took up arms only because they had reached the limits of tolerance for "an accumulation of aggression." Ruiz's supporters likened him to the late pro-terrorist archbishop of El Salvador, Oscar Arnulfo Romero.

Almost immediately, the domestic and international human rights lobby, as well as spokesmen for the São Paulo Forum, went into high gear. Even though the Army had been ordered to respond only defensively, it was accused of indiscriminately bombing the region's Indian population and violating their human rights.

Presidential candidate Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas, whose Revolutionary Democratic Party (PRD) belongs to the São Paulo Forum, accused the Army of preparing to implement a "scorched earth" and "strategic hamlet" policy, and demanded a unilateral cease-fire and involvement of foreign human rights agencies and non-governmental organizations. In this he echoed Samuel Ruiz, who also offered to mediate in the crisis. International media echoed the hysterical attacks on the Army made by Amnesty International and Americas Watch, whose representatives traveled to the region to monitor the situation. No media covered the Defense Ministry's Jan. 11 statement refuting these accusations and explaining its strategy in the region, including the fact that it is providing protection and food and medical assistance to the population.

### **An about-face**

The Salinas government's vulnerability in the face of these pressures is that it includes within it factions linked to the very narco-terrorist insurgency which has surfaced in Chiapas. From the very beginning, individuals such as Foreign Minister Manuel Camacho Solís urged "prudence" in dealing with the crisis, and he specifically demanded that the Army be restrained from acting aggressively to defend national sovereignty. Negotiation, Camacho argued, was the only viable route. Beginning on Jan. 2, Camacho maintained constant phone contact with Samuel Ruiz.

Salinas is also hostage to international banks and Wall Street investors on whom he depends to maintain the myth that Mexico is in good economic shape. The "mini-crash" of the Mexican stock market on Jan. 10, was an additional factor in finally causing him to capitulate to those who would drive

Mexico into the same type of U.N.-brokered power-sharing arrangement with terrorists which has had such devastating consequences in El Salvador.

On Jan. 10, Salinas announced that he was sacking his interior minister, Patrocinio González Garrido, who as governor of Chiapas before joining the cabinet had taken a hard line toward the region's pro-terrorist networks. González's replacement was Jorge Carpizo, who prior to being named attorney general had run the National Human Rights Commission, from where he directed several witchhunts against the Army. In addition, Salinas named Camacho Solís as "Commissioner for Peace and Reconciliation."

The international media, Wall Street, and the U.S. State Department greeted the cabinet shakeup with approval, lauding Camacho as a "reputable" figure and noting that this meant Salinas was seeking a "political rather than a military solution." The Mexican stock market had a miraculous comeback one day after the announcement. Salinas ordered a unilateral cease-fire, in which the Army would respond only if attacked, and Camacho traveled to Chiapas, met with Ruiz, and held a press conference in which the bishop proclaimed himself the "interlocutor of the entire Mexican church, supported and accompanied by the church in an explicit and incontrovertible form."

Some of the Anglo-American establishment's more fanatical policymakers stupidly think that it doesn't matter whether nations such as Mexico sink into anarchy or civil war. They operate according to the malthusian plan to write off the Third World, erecting what amounts to physical walls, "Limes," between North and South as did the Roman Empire. This is a version of the 1975 plan devised by Rockefeller Foundation agronomist William Paddock, who recommended closing the U.S.-Mexican border to create the internal social and economic chaos that would slash Mexico's population by 30 million people.

There will be calls for precisely such steps to be taken as indigenous terrorism inevitably spills over the border from Mexico into the United States over the coming weeks and months. There have already been bombings and threats made to Mexican consulates in more than one U.S. city, and Maoist groups such as the Revolutionary Communist Party are prepared to launch terrorist actions inside the United States in defense of the EZLN. Thus, the destabilization of the United States will be the lawful outcome of Mexico's destruction.

Or, the Anglo-Americans may well decide to activate the option that U.S. think-tanks and foundations have churned out for years: the U.S. military will have to intervene into Mexico to "protect the oil fields" or U.S. citizens in the event of a Marxist terrorist insurgency. This option was publicly raised as far back as 1980 by the Institute for Policy Studies and by Henry Kissinger's Center for Strategic and International Studies, which presented scenarios of a potential U.S. military occupation of Mexico's oil fields based on a projected terrorist upsurge along the Mexican-Guatemalan border.