

Editorial

Free Colonel Seineldín

There is currently a mobilization under way throughout Ibero-America to free the imprisoned Argentine patriot Col. Mohamed Alí Seineldín. We support this effort and would like to enlist support for the campaign on a broader international basis. In this regard, we would point to a commentary in the Peruvian daily *El Invercionista* on Feb. 20 by Alberto Salmon Ariza.

Señor Ariza compared the unjust prosecution of Seineldín with that against Lyndon LaRouche, both of whom are outstanding fighters against oligarchy in all its forms. Ariza's article was headlined, "It Is Not Wrong to Rebel against the Economic Olympus," and illustrated with a drawing of the cover of LaRouche's book *The Science of Christian Economy*.

Colonel Seineldín was a leader in the fight to free the Malvinas Islands (known by the British as Falkland Islands) from the British. He is a hero of the 1982 Malvinas War, during which the Argentine military government attempted to retake those islands in the South Atlantic which Great Britain usurped in 1833. Throughout his career, Colonel Seineldín has fought to defend Argentine sovereignty. As such, he, like LaRouche, and President Clinton, became a target for the British royal family's vengeance.

Señor Ariza wrote, "On Oct. 19, 1994, Dr. Arturo Frondizi (who took office as President of Argentina in 1958) sent a letter to incumbent President Carlos Menem asking him to pardon all the Armed Forces' men currently serving a sentence for the military uprising staged in Argentina on Dec. 3, 1990." We agree that such a pardon is long overdue, for the colonel and his fellow officers imprisoned with him.

As a result of losing that war, the Argentine government capitulated to British pressure and began to strip the military forces. Attempts by nationalists in the military to resist what was in fact an attack upon the national sovereignty of Argentina, were falsely deemed to be an attempted anti-democratic coup d'état against the state.

In Argentina, in August 1991, the alleged coup plotters appeared in Buenos Aires federal court. There, Seineldín said in their defense that Argentina was being destroyed by the willingness of the government to suc-

cumb to foreign pressures. He described how the Armed Forces of Argentina were "not capable of serving as the military arm of the Fatherland," which situation, he said, constitutes a grave danger because they are "a fundamental institution of the nation and safeguard of the highest national interests." He stated that had he sat by and watched "my institution being demolished" without doing anything, he would have been a traitor to his country.

Patriots such as Seineldín are badly needed throughout the world, not only to resist military attack on their nations, but to help mobilize against the far more deadly warfare which takes the form of economic looting. Mexico is perhaps the most dramatic victim of this, but the economies of all of Ibero-America are teetering on the brink—with similar problems emerging in Italy and in counties and cities in the United States as well.

LaRouche—and his associates, some of whom are serving prison sentences of up to 77 years—was jailed in 1990 for the heinous crime of telling the truth.

Dr. Frondizi wrote a letter to President Clinton on behalf of Lyndon LaRouche. He quoted from it, in his letter to Argentine President Menem. Referring to LaRouche, Frondizi wrote: "I believe in the morality of men who promote their ideas with a vocation of service, honesty of thought and unimpeachable conduct. . . . I asked that he [President Clinton] follow the example of President Kennedy, so that peace would result from the well-being of the poor."

President Kennedy was assassinated at the behest of Britain's Prince Philip and the international oligarchical forces whom he represents. If we all do not take responsibility for opposing their ruthless injustices, it is not just Seineldín and LaRouche, but 95% of the world's population who will be victims. Seineldín and his fellow officers should at the least be pardoned. LaRouche and his associates must be exonerated. The U.S. presidency and the sovereignty of all nations must be defended against those who would impose a new feudalism more deadly than any such oppression which mankind has known in the past.