

Bush consorts with criminals, Moonies

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Ex-U.S. President George Bush descended on Brazil, Argentina, Venezuela, Uruguay, and Peru late last month, consorting with such low-life as Venezuela's ex-President Carlos Andrés Pérez (convicted of malfeasance and impeached); Rev. Sun Myung Moon, at a banquet in Argentina; and Brazil's disgraced-businessman Mario Garnero of Brasilinvest, who had joined Henry Kissinger's debt-for-equity looting schemes back in 1982.

Bush only seemed to be ignoring the enormous press coverage that Ibero-American media had given in September to *EIR*'s exposé of his command role in the Contras' running drugs into the United States in order to pay for their guns. However, his scanty tolerance for exposure cracked (so to speak) on Nov. 25, when he ordered the arrest of three Peruvian members of the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement (MSIA), as they peacefully distributed a political statement outside the hotel where he was speaking. The three co-thinkers of Lyndon LaRouche were released after word of Bush's latest blow for "democracy" went out internationally.

ECO international TV network, which broadcasts throughout Ibero-America, the United States, and Spain, included a segment showing an MSIA activist wearing a Bush mask and a striped prison uniform, with the inmate number 12333 (Executive Order 12333 set up Bush's secret government apparatus in 1981). Local Lima media also covered the protest *cum* street theater.

The MSIA statement that brought about Bush's enraged explosion read: "George Bush should be denied entry to our country on national security grounds. The drug kingpin's entry into Peru will mean the promotion of the drug trade. . . . In the United States, there is a growing scandal over his role in running the operation to introduce crack cocaine into the country's main cities. . . . Bush was not only aware of the operation, but he was the head of a secret apparatus within the U.S. government that flooded U.S. cities with tons of drugs, on the pretext of helping the Nicaraguan 'Contras.' "

Bush's five-country tour was aimed at consolidating his "new world order" of free trade and "democracy." He had made an earlier stopover in Brazil, on Nov. 21-22. His host there, Mario Garnero, had had to flee Brazil in 1985, to escape the jail time he faced (up to 12 years) from charges that he and three other Brasilinvest officials had committed "fraud, embezzlement, 1 trillion cruzeiros [\$224 million] in flight

capital, and organizing a mafia."

In Venezuela, Carlos Andrés Pérez, who was just released from house arrest, crowed that he had "a magnificent friendship with President Bush," after their Nov. 20 meeting. Days earlier, Pérez had met with Colombia's President Ernesto Samper Pizano, who has been denied entry to the United States, because of his open ties to the cocaine cartels.

Bush, the drug 'capo'

In Argentina, Bush's host was self-styled messiah Rev. Sun Myung Moon, who paid him an honorarium said to be in the high five figures, to speak at a dinner in Buenos Aires on Nov. 23. A statement issued by the executive committee of the Movement for National Identity and Ibero-American Integration (Mineii), led by imprisoned Argentine nationalist Col. Mohamed Alí Seineldín, called Bush "one of the fathers and creators of the 'New World Order,' recently named by his own countrymen as the 'Capo di capi' of drugs, responsible for having poisoned his own people with this terrible plague." And Moon "has been accused more than once of being an arms trafficker, a charge that has never been denied," the statement said.

The Moonies reportedly own a controlling interest in weapons manufacturer Tong Il Industries. According to the Nov. 19 issue of Argentina's *La Nación*, Moon plans to open a university in Ciudad del Este, Paraguay, in the triangular border region with Argentina and Brazil, "an area that reputedly shelters terrorist groupings."

In Buenos Aires, Bush, who has been getting vast amounts of money from the Moonies, which he hopes to use to buy the White House for his son, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, lavished praise on himself and another ex-President turned fugitive, Mexico's Carlos Salinas de Gortari, for "fathering" the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). He called for NAFTA's immediate expansion to Chile and Argentina. And, as he had earlier done in Brazil, Bush held out an olive branch to the Castro regime in Cuba. The Bush crowd hopes to return Cuba to the days when it was a "free trade" playground for mobsters such as Meyer Lansky. Bush also bragged that he personally helped save Argentina's "democracy," by coming to the country in 1990 to lend support to President Carlos Menem against Colonel Seineldín's insurrection.

He then hailed Moon for his "foresight and vision"; Moon responded by regaling banqueters with a litany of odd sexual and scatological references: "When you defecate, do you use a mask? This is no laughing matter, this is serious." He continued, referring to himself in the third person, "When you were kids, did you ever taste the cooties from your nose? . . . Why didn't you feel they were dirty? Because that's a part of your body. The Reverend Moon has discovered something that no one else had thought about." From Argentina, Bush went with Moon to Montevideo, Uruguay, where the Korean was to lead an "evangelization seminar" for 4,500 Japanese maidens.