

Nationalism explodes in Mexico against foreign invasion of Chiapas

by Hugo López Ochoa

On Feb. 15, millions of Mexicans watched with astonishment, a prime-time television documentary, in which dozens of well-armed foreigners—bearded, disheveled, and dressed in the classic attire of the 1960s counterculture—are seen blocking a team of reporters from TV-Azteca's *Hablemos Claro* program from entering the town of La Realidad, the symbolic headquarters of the narco-terrorist Zapatista National Liberation Army (EZLN).

The foreigners, ostensibly journalists, members of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and observers of the "peace process," gave orders to nearby Indians to use tree trunks to try and anchor the helicopter in which the TV-Azteca team arrived. The blonde and palefaced hippies confiscated a TV cassette, and believed they had seized all evidence of what occurred.

Shouts, in English, of "Watch out! Look out!" were heard. Manuel de la Torre, director of the *Hablemos Claro* program, reported that he was brought by a man with the accent of a Spaniard, to a radio transmitter, over which the Spaniard warned, in English, of the helicopter's presence. Another of the foreigners placed his weapon against a wall hung with posters of the ELZN's "Marcos" and "Che" Guevara. A woman with a German accent attempted to force the director of the TV program, Lolita de la Vega, to leave the helicopter. One could hear her saying, in terrible Spanish: "Don't you know that this is an autonomous zone?"

TV-Azteca later broadcast exposés of the leading role played by foreigners in the conflict in Chiapas: clips of Zapatista marches in which foreigners can be seen directing contingents of Indians, who are carrying banners, or simply marching. At points, TV-Azteca froze the film, circled the foreigners present in the frame, and flashed their names across the screen. Spaniards (perhaps from the Basque terrorist-separatist group ETA?) and Germans dominated the stills.

On Feb. 18, the Chiapas state legislature declared the commander of the EZLN, the Catholic Bishop of San Cristóbal de las Casas, Samuel "Samiel" Ruiz, to be a "traitor to the nation." Sections of the Catholic Church, political parties, leading businessmen, and others denounced the foreign intervention.

In *El Occidental* on Feb. 6, the Cardinal of Guadalajara, Juan Sandoval Iñiguez, charged that powerful foreign interests are blocking resolution of the Chiapas conflict, "because

they want to seize the territory, the oil, the uranium . . . and a passage across the Isthmus [of Tehuantepec]." He denounced the idea of Indian "autonomy" as "an attack upon the territorial integrity of the nation." As did other Catholic bishops, the Bishop of Aguascalientes, Rafael Muñoz Nuñez, declared that "there is ample evidence that there is international interference" in Chiapas, and that there are "many foreigners" in the EZLN.

LaRouche: It's a foreign invasion

A single television show allowed millions of Mexicans to finally realize the accuracy of the charges made since 1980, and with increasing intensity after 1994 when the EZLN made its existence public, by *EIR* and its founder, Lyndon LaRouche, and by the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement (MSIA) of Mexico: that the EZLN is a foreign occupation army which seeks to separate off the southeast of Mexico in order to hand the oil over to British companies, by fabricating an ethnic, non-Mexican identity for an entire group of citizens. Since 1994, *EIR* has charged that Ruiz is the actual commander of the EZLN, and a poster of the MSIA proclaimed: "Wanted for Treason: Commander Samuel Ruiz."

In a radio interview with "EIR Talks" on Feb. 18, LaRouche commented: "First of all, I know a good deal about this. I was the first to, or one of the leading voices in the United States to warn against this operation, back in 1982. I published a report that arrangements were being prepared to destabilize and take over the oil-rich area of Chiapas state in Mexico, and to use some kind of tricks to grab it.

"Well, those tricks came along: An international terrorist organization, called the São Paulo Forum, which is nominally Brazil-based, but is headed by Fidel Castro, invaded Chiapas province, with a bunch of people who claimed to be 'indigenous Indians,' which was not true. They weren't.

"You had a bishop there, a Catholic bishop, nominally Christian, but I don't think actually so, called Samuel Ruiz, who I refer to preferably by the European designation of 'Samiel' Ruiz. . . . If you see the relevant part of the bullet-making scene in *Der Freischutz*, the opera of Weber, you will know what I mean. . . . Samiel is a name which is often used to designate a satanic figure of magic, and it's what Samiel Ruiz has turned out to be.

"Now . . . since the 1950s, Castro has been a protégé of a

French-based organization called the Synarchists, which was deployed in that area, through people like Paul Rivet, Jacques Soustelle, the guy who tried to organize the assassination of President de Gaulle of France, and a guy from also the same pedigree, Jean de Menil, the husband at that time of the recently deceased Madame Dominique de Menil of Houston, Texas, an acquaintance of the Bush family.

“So, what comes in there, and makes it obvious, is, you have not only the no-good organizations, called NGOs, from the United Nations, coming down there, like a pestilence, to push this thing; you have intervention from people in the United States, but heavily from Europe. You have, for example, the organizations of the Catholic Church in Germany, intervening. But *mainly* what you had, is the wife of the former President of France, Danielle Mitterrand, coming down there and making a massive intervention, an atrocious one, which caused a real reaction from the Mexican government. . . .

“But, that’s the problem. And so the Mexicans realize, that if this is allowed to continue— And it is allowed to continue precisely because of foreign pressure, principally from this French-centered synarchist crowd, which has a big base in the Caribbean area, and also from sympathizers and fellow thinkers of those guys inside the United States itself, who are all pressuring Mexico to respect the human rights of an invading army of terrorists coming from places like Belize,

invading southern Mexico. And they say that human rights demand that the Mexican government not interfere with an invading army of terrorists backed by Castro. And the Mexicans don’t like that very much. Do you blame them?”

‘Should a foreign enemy dare . . . ?

The video’s content is so offensive to Mexicans, that one of the Zapatistas in the Party of the Democratic Revolution (PRD), Gilberto López y Rivas, invited to participate in *Hablemos Claro* program, stomped off the set shouting that it was a “vile manipulation.”

The same reaction erupted when the facts of French and British control over Castro and the EZLN (see *EIR*, Jan. 23, pp. 20-35) were presented in conferences in Mexico. The pro-EZLN PRD members had to shut up, or, those who dared speak, ended up walking out, to the jeers of other participants. Exemplary was what happened in Mexicali, Baja California on Feb. 17, after MSIA leader Alberto Vizcarra presented *EIR*’s material to 150 people. As the PRD members present slinked out, a journalist stood and recited the words of Mexico’s national anthem: “Mexicans: to arms! . . . Should a foreign enemy dare profane your soil . . . remember, O Beloved Country, that Heaven has given you a soldier in every son!”

These electrified responses of the population have thrown the Zapatistas and their narco-terrorist São Paulo Forum

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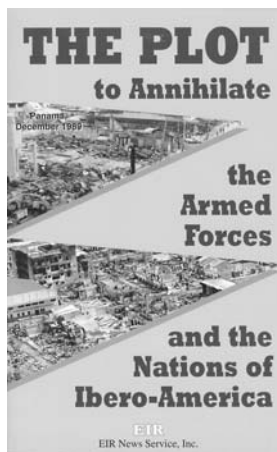
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