

has been made up of expatriates who came from Asia and all over the Arab world, due to the lack, initially, of a skilled labor force in the country. Sheikh Zayed's commitment has been to develop the native population, into a modern labor force, convinced of the economic, social and moral importance of productive labor: "Work is of great importance, and of great value in building both individuals and societies. The size of a salary is not the measure of the worth of an individual. What is important is an individual's sense of dignity and self-respect. It is my duty as the leader of the young people of this country to encourage them to work and to exert themselves in order to raise their own standards and to be of service to the country. The individual who is healthy and of a sound mind and body but who does not work commits a crime against himself and against society.

"We look forward in the future to seeing our sons and daughters playing a more active role broadening their participation in the process of development, and shouldering their share of the responsibilities, especially in the private sector, so as to lay the foundations for the success of this participation and effectiveness. At the same time, we are greatly concerned to raise the standard and dignity of the work ethic in our society, and to increase the percentage of citizens in our labor force. This can be achieved by following a realistic and well-planned approach that will improve performance and productivity, moving toward the long-term goal of secure and comprehensive development."

The approach outlined here, includes gradually progressing from a society with basic infrastructure, to one with advanced agriculture, to an industrialized state. When one visits Abu Dhabi today, one sees this process under way, as the capital city is a thoroughly modern metropolis, with elegant, high-rise buildings, designed with an Islamic touch, for housing as well as business offices. Government programs like the Sheikh Zayed Housing program, set up in 1999, provide interest-free loans for lower-income citizens. Another program, the Abu Dhabi Department of Social Services and Commercial Buildings, financed the construction of 6,000 buildings with 93,000 apartments earmarked for citizens, who can repay their financing over a long term. A third program provides funds for loans for citizens to build their own homes. Such programs are not restricted to the capital, but cover the entire country.

A similar approach has been followed for the construction of energy and water infrastructure, the latter based on extensive desalination plants, to provide the water required for domestic, industrial and agricultural use. The vast expanses of green throughout the capital, testify to the attention paid to this vital resource.

Abu Dhabi, as characteristic of the U.A.E., is a striking example of how raw materials resources can be invested, not in palatial estates, but in the physical economy of a country, beginning with the infrastructure required to develop a modern, educated population.

Mexico in Crosshairs Of Human Rights 'Mafia'

by Rubén Cota Meza

Former Mexican President Luis Echeverría Alvarez (1970-76) appeared before the Special Prosecutor for Past Political and Social Movements on July 2, and again on July 9. Echeverría faces charges of "genocide," "forced disappearance," and "abuse of authority," for his alleged responsibility for the bloody events of Oct. 2, 1968, when demonstrating students were killed in Mexico City's Tlatelolco Plaza, and of June 10, 1971, when paramilitary gangs attacked demonstrators near the city's Zócalo square.

Simultaneous with Echeverría's appearance, the Mexican daily *Reforma* interviewed Argentine guerrilla Enrique Gorriarán Merlo in his jail cell at Villa Devoto; he is serving a life sentence for the killing of 39 people in the Jan. 23, 1989 attack on the La Tablada military barracks, carried out under Gorriarán Merlo's orders by the Movimiento Todos por la Patria (All for the Fatherland).

Three days later, on July 5, the prisoner's daughter, Adriana Gorriarán, met with Mexican Foreign Affairs Secretary Jorge Castañeda, who immediately delivered to Mexican President Vicente Fox a letter in which she reveals alleged illegalities in the arrest of her father, which was carried out in Mexico, in October 1996. Gorriarán's lawyer Rodolfo Yanzón declared that both Jorge Castañeda and Fox himself have already pronounced on the alleged illegality of the arrest, but that "we want an explicit and formal statement by the Mexican government."

Evidently, both the *Reforma* interview with Gorriarán Merlo and Castañeda's meeting with Gorriarán's envoy, were pre-arranged by the Foreign Secretary himself.

Trying and jailing heads of state and officials of former governments, along with retired or active duty military officers, on the one hand, and freeing terrorists who took up arms against those governments, on the other, is the chosen vehicle—flagrantly seen in Peru as well—of the international financial oligarchy to finish off the sovereign nation-state itself.

MSIA Leader: Nation Is Target

Marivilia Carrasco, president of the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement, collaborators of Lyndon LaRouche in Mexico, issued a statement on July 10, noting that "such events do, in fact, merit a serious 'truth commission' inquiry, capable of confirming, for example, that on Oct. 2, soldiers not only did not receive orders to shoot at the demonstrators,

but that they themselves were the victims of sniper fire, which led the soldiers to believe that the students were shooting at them, at the same time that the students believed that the soldiers were firing at them, thereby creating the conditions for the bloody provocation, in which the victims—including soldiers—numbered in the dozens, and not in the hundreds or thousands that the ‘black legend’ on 1968 proclaims.

“But those behind this suit are far from interested in establishing such truths. In this trial, they seek to put the nation-state itself in the dock of the accused, using methods of psychological and political warfare that have been conceived and designed by the globalist Anglo-American intelligence apparatus bent on putting an end to the very concept of the sovereign nation-state itself.

“Furthermore, to implicate members of Mexico’s previous governments and the Armed Forces in this way, as they are also doing in Peru, only serves the renewed offensive undertaken in the wake of Sept. 11, by the Anglo-American utopian faction which is promoting the perpetual war of a ‘Clash of Civilizations.’ Such a strategy adopted by the George W. Bush government, presupposes the disintegration of sovereignty, of the Armed Forces, and of patriotic policies around the world. The means of achieving such objectives may please certain anti-government elements of the ‘left’ and ‘right,’ but they obey a higher and malevolent global strategy in which these right/left forces are mere puppets.”

Continent-Wide Operation

Ten days after the maneuvers of Gorriarán Merlo and company in Mexico, it was reported that the Inter-American Human Rights Court (IHRIC) will reopen the case of New Yorker Lori Berenson, sentenced in Peru to 20 years in jail for her involvement with the bloody Tupac Amará Revolutionary Movement (MRTA). Berenson was captured red-handed, preparing to blow up the building of the Peruvian Congress, with the plan to take hostages who would then be exchanged for imprisoned leaders of the MRTA. The IHRIC’s review of the Berenson case comes three months after U.S. President George W. Bush visited Peru, mocking his own war on terror by seeking clemency for the American terrorist.

Also in Peru, on May 13 a Lima court issued arrest warrants against 11 members of the Armed Forces of that country who, on April 23, 1997, had participated in the “Chavín de Huántar” rescue operation, during which they recaptured the residence of the Japanese ambassador in Peru and freed the 72 hostages that the MRTA was holding prisoner there. This effort to jail members of the Armed Forces, and to create the conditions for freeing MRTA terrorists, was driven by George Soros’ “human rights” minions in Peru; the same who, until a few days ago, were central figures in the Alejandro Toledo government.

The Mexican Foreign Minister is delighted to be part of the imperial court, and shamelessly boasts of his collaboration with the globalizers’ strategy of doing away with the sover-

eign nation-state. In a July 12 article in *Reforma*, he wrote: “Mexico’s international commitment to human rights and to democracy has also helped open up spaces, so that the Fox government can clarify . . . the abuses of power perpetrated in past decades under cover of supposed ‘reasons of state’. . . . In particular, advances have been made through the work of the Special Prosecutor in charge of revisiting the events of 1968 and 1971, as well as of the repressive processes of the ’70s and ’80s, for the purpose of clarifying crimes against humanity that have historically distressed the national conscience.”

An Inquisitorial ‘Truth Commission’

The political apparatus behind these suits, comprised of the activists of Jorge Castañeda’s future Presidential campaign, do not agree with the establishment of a special prosecutor’s office. What they want, rather, is an inquisitorial “truth commission” which is totally autonomous from the state, controlled only by themselves and their network of non-governmental organizations (NGOs). On July 9, a prominent member of this gaggle of NGOs, Joel Ortega, said, “Fox should prepare a mechanism, like a Truth Commission, that will punish the crimes of previous regimes, because by taking the legal route, a great achievement by society could end up a pyrrhic victory.” Ortega is a former activist of the Mexican Communist Party, and currently a promoter of Castañeda’s Presidential candidacy.

Similarly, the Foreign Affairs Ministry sponsored an International Seminar on Truth Commissions on July 18, at which the ministry’s human rights undersecretary, MariClaire Acosta, made the intentions of this network explicit. She declared that the decision to establish a special prosecutor’s office “is based on the conviction that the adopted mechanism is irrelevant,” but that the efforts undertaken by the Citizens Committee in Support of the Special Prosecutor’s Office “will turn it into a kind of truth commission.”

Acosta has, for three decades, been one of the most dedicated agents of the “human rights” multinational headed by Amnesty International and Soros’ Human Rights Watch/Americas. The so-called Citizens Committee in Support of the Special Prosecutor’s Office is headed by the notoriously corrupt former leader Salvador Martínez de la Rocca, alias El Pino.

Paz Rojas, president of the Association for the Promotion and Defense of the Rights of the Chilean People, who supported the “theoretical” work on the truth commissions for the seminar sponsored by Castañeda and Acosta, went after the heart of the issue, which is national sovereignty. He declared that “the main limitation of the Special Prosecutor’s Office is its dependency on the state,” given that the Truth Commission “must be absolutely autonomous from governments,” because if crimes against humanity are going to be analyzed, “the only one responsible, according to international law, is the state.”