

Guadalajara Forum Gains Force in Brazil Crisis

by Our Special Correspondent

A crucial meeting on Nov. 7 in São Paulo, bringing the “Guadalajara Forum” launched in Mexico in September, to Brazil, showed the potential of a new political alliance: among the forces around new Congressman-elect Dr. Enéas Carneiro; nationalist Brazilian civilian-military circles; and the ideas and political movement of U.S. Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche. The Guadalajara Forum specifically organizes the forces in Ibero-America who are ready to fight for LaRouche’s New Bretton Woods monetary system, to stop their continent’s economies from falling to pieces like that of Argentina under the International Monetary Fund.

The 150 active leaders who gathered in São Paulo, and heard presentations by Dr. Enéas and LaRouche representative Lorenzo Carrasco, among others, represent a new and potent political factor in Brazilian national life. The country is at the verge of an “Argentine” economic catastrophe, and must change policy. That the IMF fears these forces’ impact on the new Brazilian Presidency of Luiz Inácio “Lula” da Silva, is clear from the high-profile slanders and threats directed against both Dr. Enéas and LaRouche, since the former’s election.

The event in the auditorium of the Superior War College Alumni Association (ADESCG), was a continuation of the process begun last August in the city of Guadalajara, Mexico, and continued in October in Paraná, Argentina. The Forum joins together patriots from across the continent around the idea of building a new world economic order, based on rejection of colonial globalization and defense of the sovereign nation-state.

The São Paulo meeting also served as a victory celebration, because Dr. Enéas, who campaigns for the New Bretton Woods reorganization, was recently elected Federal congressman with the highest vote count in the history of Brazil.

Joining Dr. Enéas on the podium were Vice Adm. Sérgio Tasso Vásquez de Aquino (ret.), former Deputy Chief of Staff of the Brazilian Armed Forces; Dr. Havanir Nimtz, representative of Enéas’s PRONA party, who was elected to São Paulo state’s legislature, also with the highest vote in its history; Prof. Bautista Vidal, former energy secretary from the Ernesto Geisel government of the 1970s; Aduino Rochetto, ADESG representative in São Paulo who moderated the event; and Carrasco, leader of LaRouche’s Ibero-American Solidarity Movement (MSIA).

Enéas: No Commitments But to the Truth

The invited audience at the Nov. 7 event included representatives of the Armed Forces, businessmen, professionals, and students, all of whom engaged in a long discussion of the new situation in Brazil defined by approach of default and currency devaluation, the election of Luiz Inácio “Lula” da Silva to the Presidency of the largest nation in the hemisphere, and the mobilization of the Guadalajara Forum.

Dr. Enéas began his presentation by proudly displaying the *EIR* on whose cover he appears alongside Lyndon and Helga LaRouche on the occasion that São Paulo’s City Council awarded LaRouche honorary citizenship. “Here we have Lyndon LaRouche, who you all know very well because he was here in this very auditorium,” Dr. Enéas said.

“I am not speaking here to the people; I am speaking to men of schooling, to men of thought. Today we are facing a situation both in Brazil and in the world—a situation very well described by Mr. Carrasco and the colleagues on the podium—we are in a situation in which the war-making power of the United States is threatening the planet. . . . What is the reason to invade Iraq? None. But there is always a reason disseminated by the corrupt press. I am telling the whole country, the press is venal, a slave to the powers that be. . . . It is time for national forces to come forth, for each one of us to be alert. The alert I represent today is the million and a half votes with which I was accredited. I have no commitments to anyone, except to the truth. I said in my statement that the truth is like spring water—clear, crystalline; the truth is like an axiom in mathematics. It needs no proof. Truth imposes itself, it is sovereign. I came in first, without commitments to anyone, except the truth. If any positions that I hold are proven to be wrong, I will instantly step back from them.

Enéas referred to some of the first press attacks on him, after his and his party’s surprise victory, claiming that “my election was a protest vote, or a joke vote. . . . Were a million people clowning around, or do they have a right to choose someone they believe in? The question is this: Who is given the right to say, ‘I represent the longings of a suffering people, a people who won’t tolerate being plundered any more, who won’t tolerate being fooled any longer? . . .’ Independently of whoever the President-elect is, he is our President. . . . We will be fighting to make sure the expectations of this suffering population are not turned into a house of cards. We will be ready to say, ‘Yes’ to everything that favors the nation, and to say ‘No,’ an absolute no, to anyone who wants to turn us into slaves—to eliminate our capacity to think, to express ourselves, and to build a better future for all of us, a future of which we can feel proud.”

Individual Personalities Change History

Carrasco succinctly described the history of the process that created a Forum in defense of the sovereign nation-state. “It is clear, as this meeting demonstrates, that we are living in revolutionary times. Average individuals, such as those

gathered here tonight, with patriotic convictions, can change the path of history. That is why the presence of Dr. Enéas at this podium is even more significant, because he is proof of what the average person, albeit an eminent physician, can accomplish, once the decision is made to take responsibility for one's country, and to change the axioms behind traditional politics."

Carrasco described the terminal crisis of the world financial system, and the danger of a clash of civilizations provoked by those determined to hold onto the reins of world power, through erecting a structure of imperial world government. The Guadalajara Forum, he emphasized, organizes a "dialogue of civilizations, and this is one of the tasks in which Ibero-America could effectively contribute to and participate in universal history."

Following Carrasco, Councilwoman Dr. Havanir, who was responsible for the award to LaRouche of honorary São Paulo citizenship in June, committed herself to defending, from the Legislative Assembly of which she is the most popular member, Brazil's national sovereignty.

Integration: Argentina and Brazil

In his address, Brazilian Vice Adm. Sérgio Tasso detailed the process of national destruction over the past 12 years, especially during the last eight years under President Fernando Henrique Cardoso, whose regime and economic model were the real losers in the recent Presidential election. He analyzed the widespread optimism that surfaced with Lula's victory at the polls.

Admiral Tasso went on to emphasize the importance of the Guadalajara Forum: "Argentina and Brazil are two great nations, which for long periods of time quarreled with one another. And Argentine nationalist currents—those patriots who love the Argentine nation as we Brazilian patriots love Brazil—had an especially atavistic mistrust of Brazil. Yet only by being there could I understand why. Argentina has always had great mistrust of the British Empire, from when British and French troops disembarked in Buenos Aires. . . . José Manuel de Rosas also faced British threats, due to problems around the Malvinas. . . . In the Argentine nationalist mind, they believed the image that the Brazilian Empire was an instrument of British imperialism in Latin America. This was the cause of that great distrust they have always had with regard to us. Well, today those barriers have been destroyed.

"I went to visit Col. [Mohamed Alí] Seineldín, who is the head of the most important Argentine nationalist faction, at the Campo de Mayo prison. I had the unique opportunity as admiral of the Brazilian Navy, to speak at the Argentine Naval Club with officers from throughout the active and reserve armed forces. I found an environment of confidence and a nearly spontaneous and unanimous request that Brazil assume the leadership appropriate to it, due to its intrinsic greatness, for the liberation of Latin America.

"But it is necessary to integrate all of Latin America," the

Admiral insisted, "because this is the continent of hope, and from the Río Bravo to the south of Patagonia, we have all the wealth, all the resources necessary to make our people happy, rich, and content. And through our common religious legacy. . . . That is why we must cement our union, because if separately, each one of us is incapable of changing the unjust situation in the world, together we have an extraordinary strength. To begin with one of our apparent weaknesses: our debt. Brazil owes more than \$400 billion; each one of us Brazilians owes 11,000 reals [Brazilian currency]. And this was exponentially multiplied by the viceroy Fernando Henrique Cardoso. Argentina owes more than \$200 billion and Mexico another such. We could negotiate the terms of this debt, to get more favorable conditions for the development of our nations.

"It is absurd," he concluded, "that Brazil only has 8 billion reals to invest in everything, to pay for all its works, and at the same time spends more than 125 billion to pay interest on an unpayable debt. So, the hope, the expectation, is that the peoples and governments of Latin America will join and tell the world of the injustice of this situation, while building in unity but with absolute and total respect for each and every sovereign national state. . . . So in Guadalajara [in Mexico], we find the third important vertex. Latin America has three very important countries because of their specific weight: Brazil, Mexico, and Argentina."

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