

Mexicans See Threat in Schwarzenegger Victory

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The U.S. neo-cons' imposition of Hollywood's "Terminator" as California's governor, has many Mexicans nervously predicting intensified looting schemes against their energy resources, an anti-immigrant backlash, and consequent dangerous deterioration of U.S.-Mexican relations. In interviews, press conferences, and media analyses, prominent voices are using many of the arguments that have been circulated on both sides of the border by activists of the international LaRouche movement, to warn of this new fascist threat to Mexico.

On Oct. 8, Zacatecas governor Ricardo Monreal called a press conference to warn that the election of Schwarzenegger, "a man of a highly xenophobic and racist character," could lead to "persecutions" of Mexican immigrants. "We have to be very careful with this actor," said Monreal, "because he makes us think that the *Kristallnachts* of Nazi Germany could be revived." (This was the name given to the night-time rampage of Nazi Party thugs in 1938 against Jewish property in Germany, a foretaste of the roundup of Jews into concentration camps.) Monreal urged Mexicans and Hispanic immigrants to join forces in their own defense.

One day earlier, a conference was held in Ciudad Obregón, Sonora, announcing the release of a new book written

by *Proceso* magazine journalist Alvaro Delgado, entitled *The Yunque, the Ultraright in Power*. Invited guest Alberto Vizcarra of *EIR* spoke on the implications of Schwarzenegger's victory in the context of a resurgence of a new Synarchist International regroupment inside Mexico, self-dubbed "The Yunque" ("anvil") and allied to the Vicente Fox Administration. Vizcarra addressed an audience of 150, which included many media and political party representatives, as well as officials from local and regional government, the military, intelligence agencies, and a group of university students and professors. The political activist pointed out that these same Synarchist forces that created the Nazi phenomenon in Germany, and the fascists in Spain and Italy, have seized control of U.S. foreign policy through the ideologically fascist Cheney and Rumsfeld in the Bush Administration. Vizcarra called Schwarzenegger their puppet, much as Adolf Hitler served in that capacity in the 1930s.

The nationally-popular magazine *Siempre* devoted an editorial in its Oct. 13 issue to exposing Schwarzenegger as the tool of pirate energy interests tied to President George W. Bush, and warned against the encroachment of such interests in Mexico. *Siempre's* editorial insisted that Schwarzenegger's election cannot be understood except within the broader context of the energy "piratization" of California. Deregulation was the root cause of California's financial crisis, says the editorial, and ousted governor Gray Davis' attempt to put a ceiling on energy prices won him the undying hatred of the Bush energy clique. The "Terminator" was the instrument used by these interests to rid themselves of Davis, and similar such tools may be employed by the Bush interests to rid themselves of political opponents, as the 2004 Presidential elections draw near, suggests *Siempre*. "In sum, the electricity monopolies associated with the Bush clan are the authors of Gray Davis' overthrow. A good example for those in Mexico who seek privatization, don't you think, reader?"

An interview in *Siempre* that same day, conducted with Universidad de la Frontera Norte professor Victor Alejandro Espinosa, focused on the xenophobic side of the Schwarzenegger phenomenon. Introducing the interview, *Siempre* wrote that Schwarzenegger is "an admirer of Hitler, consumer of marijuana, prejudiced against Blacks and Latinos, and disposed to orgies." Professor Espinosa warned that Schwarzenegger will attempt to "criminalize immigration," by reviving lies that Ibero-American immigrants are dirty, steal U.S. jobs, and may even pose a terrorist threat.

Mobilization Inspired by LaRouche

LaRouche movement supporters in Mexico have been organizing against the political interests behind Schwarzenegger for many weeks, and have specifically denounced President Fox's complicity with the so-called Houston Cartel (Halliburton, Schlumberger, Enron, etc.) in seeking to loot

Mexico's oil and electricity resources through privatization, just as *Siempre* magazine's editorial suggested. Since Sept. 29, thousands of leaflets have been distributed nationally, entitled "Stop the Surrender of Mexico's Energy Sector to the Nazi Pirates of Cheney and Wall Street." That leaflet identifies the desperate drive to grab liquidity, "to steal our electricity and oil," by the international financial interests represented by U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney; to seize Mexico's national energy resources, and eventually dollarize the Mexican economy.

During an Oct. 10 forum held at the Justice Palace in Monterrey, Nuevo León, on the looting attacks on the gas-rich Cuenca de Burgos reserves in northeast Mexico, LaRouche organizer and journalist Benjamin Castro joined various other national and regional political and union spokesmen in exposing the foreign and domestic interests behind the scheme. As the final speaker, Castro called for a nationwide mobilization to win back the nation's political and economic sovereignty. Handing out the leaflet, "Return of the Beast," and the pamphlet *Who Robbed California*, which have been widely distributed on both sides of the border by LaRouche organizers, Castro detailed how the Cheney financial interests attacked California and imposed Schwarzenegger to finish the looting there. This fascist scenario can be stopped in both countries, he said, by an alliance of patriotic forces like that forged in 1938 between Mexican President Lázaro Cárdenas and President Franklin Roosevelt.

Mexico's ally in the United States today is Lyndon LaRouche, Castro insisted. Allying with LaRouche, Mexican nationalists could fight for a program of exchanging oil for technology, preserving Mexican sovereignty over energy resources, and developing trade with the countries of the Eurasian Land Bridge and the United States, "but outside NAFTA, which is dead."

LaRouche's campaign against "beast-man" Arnold Schwarzenegger has been extended by his Mexican supporters to target former Mexican foreign secretary and Presidential aspirant Jorge Castañeda, whose allegiance to Cheney's policies and those of drug-pushing megaspeculator George Soros, have been well documented. On Oct. 15, the newspaper *Diario de Querétaro* entitled its article on a LaRouche Youth Movement intervention against Castañeda in that city, "Beast Man Flees University." Unhappy at having his policies challenged in broad daylight and in front of a crowd, Castañeda screamed "You shut up!" at the LaRouche Youth organizer who asked for an explanation of his drug-legalization policies; and then Castañeda promptly fled the stage.

At a second Castañeda event later that same day, the former official was so rattled by the appearance of LaRouche supporters with placards, that he blatantly lied to his audience that LaRouche represents "the Nazi ultra-right of the United States" and is anti-immigrant. One newspaper headline the next day read, "Castañeda Driven Crazy."