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#### MONTERREY GROUP USES PCM TO PROVOKE REPLAY OF '68 VIOLENCE

April 30 (IPS)--The U.S.-backed Monterrey Group in Mexico has stepped up its efforts in recent days to provoke armed clashes between "left" and right-wing gangs as part of a CIA and RAND Corporation strategy to destabilize the government of President Luis Echeverria. Two days ago one person was killed and six injured in an armed battle between gangs of gunmen at the University of Puebla. Yesterday fighting broke out between fascists and leftists at the University of Sonora as 500 reported leftists tried to recapture the campus from the so-called Micos, a fascist group in Sonora controlled by the CIA through the United States Information Service in Sonora. The fighting in Sonora is continuing today. Rightwing thugs controlled by the Monterrey Group have staged a series of armed attacks on the National Autonomous University of Mexico over the last two weeks.

One of the main means of provocation being used by the Monterrey Group in the escalating violence is their control of the Mexican Communist Party (PCM). Just as it financed both left and right-wing organizations to provoke the bloody violence of 1968, the Monterrey Group is now directing the PCM in order to create a climate of terror and chaos throughout the country.

The PCM in Puebla is at the heart of the fighting at the university and is now trying to insure further clashes by demanding that the military be called in to intervene. Armed PCM members have been firing on the university from surrounding buildings, and have refused to give up hostages they are holding in their running battles with right wing thugs, who are also in the pay of the Monterrey Group and their affiliates in Puebla.

Direct Monterrey group control of the PCM is at least in part carried out through the close ties between the PCM and Guajardo Suarez, a national latifundist leader and founder of a right-wing front organization known as Accion Comunitaria. Leaders of the PCM meet frequently with leading members of the Accion Comunitaria.

The PCM provocations are receiving substantial propagandistic support from the Mexico City daily Excelsior. Excelsior, a major conduit of the CIA's international Christian Democratic network has defended the PCM in Puebla and has given its backing to the PCM-tied rector of the University of Puebla, Luis Rivera Terrazas. The paper has also printed PCM-inspired charges that the Puebla violence was provoked by the Socialist Workers Party (PST). The PST over the last week has joined with the Popular Socialist Party in exposing right-wing backing for the PCM and in denouncing the PCM's refusal to support President Echeverria's campaign against the efforts of the Mexican right and the CIA to overthrow his government.

In addition to their agent activities at the universities, the PCM through the peasant federation called the Movement of Socialist Organization (MOS), is heavily involved in touching off armed confrontations in the countryside. The MOS in the state of Chihuahua has led peasants in land invasions over the last week. President Echeverria last week, in calling for the implementation of a far reaching land reform and development program for the countryside, called for an end to land invasions because they were only serving the purposes of right-wing fascists and latifundists.

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