



## Club Of Rome Centralizes Genocide

# Final Solution On Massive Scale Underway In Latin America

May 29 (NSIPS) — The International Labor Organization's conference the second week of June openly intends to institute an internationally coordinated "labor pool" for recycling throughout the advanced and underdeveloped sectors. The ILO's policy, interlocked with the Club of Rome's zero-growth apparatus, has already been initiated with a vengeance throughout Latin America.

As can be seen in the box and flow chart included in this newsletter, the implementation of the ILO's 1976 genocide policy was already worked out in detail last fall in Houston, Texas. The most advanced phase of this "final solution" policy, designed by U.S. Atlanticist think tanks and their interlocking international organizations, is represented by Brazil. It is Brazilian genocide which U.S. Secretary of the Treasury William Simon held up as the "model" for the rest of the continent; his aide for Latin America confirmed in an interview this week that the whole continent is to be subjected to brutal military imposition of genocidal autarchy.

At this point, although there exists significant opposition in Peru and more muted opposition in Brazil itself, Mexico, under the leadership of President Luis Echeverria, is the only country which has explicitly denounced U.S.-inspired right-wing destabilization operations, CIA terrorism, and zero-growth economic policies. Despite public threats by Simon's colleague Gerald Parks, Mexico has reiterated its intention to join OPEC if invited, and to abide by OPEC oil price decisions whether a member of that organization or not.

On May 26 President Echeverria, speaking before the electrical workers union, called on the Mexican working class to ensure productive nationalist anti-imperialism. Mexico's working class, he stressed, represents the future of the country, "its labor power not a commodity to be bought and sold" but the foundations of a growing economy.

Echeverria's point holds for all of the Third World; it is precisely that essential labor power which the ILO-Club of Rome and Interamerican Development Bank are now defining as raw material to be cannibalized in order to ensure the liquidity of the Dollar Empire.

### The Brazilian Model

The use of labor-intensive workgangs, officially estimated at over 110,000 men, employing primitive technology, has turned Brazil into a 14th century nightmare of ecological disaster. Jungle stripping and medieval farming techniques have defoliated the Amazon watershed and destroyed the soil. Massive floods and simultaneous droughts are the result. Tens of thousands of people, left homeless by Amazon flooding, are migrating toward the cities, carrying with them diseases which threaten to spread into uncontrollable urban

epidemics; a major part of the country's crops for domestic consumption have been destroyed.

William McFadden, deputy director of the Latin American section of the U.S. Treasury in Washington, D.C., returned May 22 from a Latin American tour as chief aide to Treasury Secretary William Simon. On that tour, Simon praised the "economic freedom" of Chile and the "outstanding example" of Brazil's military economy. The same day, Brazilian labor minister Arnaldo Prieto informed the local press that the government was establishing a "Pro-Rural", a national agricultural program aimed at pulling 1.5 million starving unemployed out of the urban areas and into 3 "labor fronts," using the same term as the Nazis. In Washington, McFadden said yesterday that the current austerity and repression in Argentina and the rest of Latin America is "not enough." "What is needed," he said, "is the kind of measures that Chile had right after the coup" (drastic "shock therapy" and mass extermination of political organizers and workers).

High-technology industry is expensive and runs up Third World debt dangerously — for us," said an international economist at a top New York bank this week, "and we'll be damned if we'll finance it. Labor-intensive agricultural projects are where the big money is going." This deindustrialization of the Third World for cheaper slave-labor project investments necessitates repression to break the back of the working class and peasantry — the measures demanded by McFadden.

McFadden's statements confirm the pattern of draconian genocide policies programmed for Latin America by the International Monetary Fund, World Bank and Interamerican Development Bank, reported in IPS last week. Simon's trip through Latin America served to signal the go-ahead for such policies. Interamerican Development Bank U.S. coordinator John M. Porges, quite explicitly told the Journal of Commerce that funds received by that institution from Europe and Japan would be channeled into "agricultural labor-intensive projects." Leon Tenenbaum, coordinator for the Intergovernmental Group for Agricultural Development (IGAD), noted that in the recently concluded Cancun Interamerican Development Bank meeting, "finance and agriculture ministers were brought together for the first time to work out these arrangements. We are interested in the Chinese method...as a system for the absorption of labor," he continued, noting that the necessary capital inputs would have to be replaced "with human inputs."

In Brazil, primitive labor-intensive techniques in the Northeast and Amazon region have resulted in prolonged simultaneous flooding and drought. Seventy per cent of the

bean crop used to feed the 14,000-strong "labor fronts" in the area has been destroyed. Fed only low-nutrition manioc flour as a result, these men and their families have resorted to scavenging for lizards and roots for food.

In the northeast states of Piaui and Pernambuco, 100,000 farmers have forcibly left their lands after the drought ruined all the crops; approximately 80,000 people in the area are already organized into military-run labor gangs on road and irrigation ditch projects. The Brazilian press reports that "large numbers of refugees are feeding on plant bulbs and roots...usually eaten by wild pigs," with children dying from toxic varieties. According to the Brazilian press, families in the northeast fight over the carcasses of cattle dead from unknown diseases; others sell male family members to ranchers and "labor fronts" for 200 cruzeiros a head.

One of the biggest worries of the mayors of Piaui and Pernambuco is paying off loans taken on by farmers and cattleman," notes one newspaper. "Jose Pereira Nete, an unmarried farmer, 26 years old, hung himself 13 days ago from a tree of his 150 acres property upon learning he had lost his entire corn, rice, bean and cotton crop. He had obtained \$2,200 financing from the Banco de Brasil."

Here, new "super labor fronts" are being set up of 14,000 men per gang. "Conditions on the labor fronts where workers eat lizards and drink polluted water, are reaching unupportable levels," reports the press. The military is, however, so alarmed at the possibility of rebellions by holocaust-crazed workers that it plans to break up the fronts into smaller units.

The gravest danger, the government admits in the press, is the transmission of plague by landless peasants and gang workers flowing toward cities in search of jobs and food. Brazilian cities have an estimated 1,500,000 "surplus" slum population ground down to the point of unemployability in 100-hour week export industry sweatshops. With the population already at lowest resistance levels, the spread of plague would be unstoppable. "To maintain social peace," the Labor Minister stated, therefore, rural migration to the cities will be halted and the 1,500,000 unemployed will be shipped out to the jungle corvee jobs to die.

#### Chilean Dustbowl

Under New York direction, Chile and Argentina are now driving headlong into a similar breakdown, "Chile has re-directed some 20 per cent of its national budget toward the creation of labor-intensive public works projects for the unemployed," McFadden noted, "but I doubt that will alleviate the 20 per cent unemployment rate. The idea is to employ workers whose industries are still shutting down under continued tight credit policies, get them out of the cities." Since half the Chilean industry is run by the state this means large-scale factory closings.

Labor-intensive methods have led to what the Chilean Farmers' and Cattleman's Association has called a "dust bowl," resulting in the "substantial decline" of such basic crops as wheat, corn, and potatoes. Forty per cent of the wheat crop was destroyed "for lack of proper credits and fertilizers," according to a farmers' association; although the government simply attributed it to a "blight." The Chilean fishing industry's production has dropped to 10 per cent of last year's.

#### Argentina: Deliberate Collapse

In Argentina, where consumer inflation jumped from 700 per cent a year in March to over 1,000 per cent in May, Ford Motors and Peugeot have shut down the country's main auto plants "temporarily," laying off 9,500 workers.

The "recovery" theory has already been discarded by Argentina's ruling military junta as unemployment soars in both industrial urban centers and high-yield rural areas. No unemployment compensation is available for laid off auto workers in cities such as Cordoba and Buenos Aires, while persistent rumors claim mass layoffs of sugar workers in the northern province of Tucuman.

Latest official reports place elementary school desertion rates at a minimal 50 per cent in urban centers and from 70-90 per cent in the poverty-stricken rural areas. The complement is revealed in reports on employment which have determined that only 15,000 out of 300,000 employable youth found their way into the job market this year. Nervous Buenos Aires newspapers anticipate the return of the 1930's vision of "unemployed youth sunning in the plaza next to the retirees."

Argentine President Jorge Videla celebrated his nation's independence May 25 with the warning that "things will become worse in the coming months," while threatening the working class with a sanctimonious quote from the Bible: "You will earn your daily bread with the sweat of your brow."

Videla's simultaneous pledge that "all wage increases will conform to greater productivity" is a challenge to the highly militant Argentine working class to resist this International Monetary Fund-dictated slave labor. The junta, however, has already made provisions for the "resistant" worker. A recent study, publicized in the Argentine press last week, announced that an estimated 25 per cent of the Buenos Aires population is unproductive due to its "addiction to alcohol." A proposed solution is the establishment of referral centers for the rehabilitation of "potential and actual alcoholics," enthusiastically described as one of the means by which the "rapid recuperation of a sick and unproductive labor force" could be achieved. Such brainwashing alcoholism programs are notorious for their use by the UAW in the U.S. and are presently being coordinated internationally by the ILO, to "pacify" the working class.

The labor movement is not Argentina's only exploitable resource. The national press has begun to issue warning signals over the last several weeks about the wholesale looting of Argentina's natural resources under the payment demands of Argentina's \$12 billion foreign debt. While the nation has geared up for a massive wheat production campaign, the newspapers are reporting severe soil exhaustion in important agricultural zones of the country. The government's response to the panicked farmers is to advise them to conduct "experimental research" to find substitutes for fertilizer which sky-high prices have prohibited from import. The various large cattle associations, meanwhile, have become increasingly hysterical as mass slaughtering of entire herds to free pasture land for wheat cultivation threatens to destroy Argentina's famous beef industry.

The Treasury is encouraging banks and multinationals to "go big" with consortia with U.S.-controlled government

institutions such as the Interamerican Development Bank, (BID) which are "default-proof." On schedule, the BID came through this week with \$200 million in labor-intensive public works loans. "The U.S. financial community is pleased with Argentina's plans," McFadden continued, "but it remains to be seen if they can be implemented."

#### **Colombia-Venezuelan Coordination for slave Labor**

In Colombia, the World Bank and the International Labor Organization are operating directly through the National Training Service, SENA, to organize the relocation of workers from industrial centers and into World Bank financed labor-intensive agriculture projects. While the World Bank is cutting off all credit for industrialization, SENA has been used to bust up potential trade-union resistance to the destruction of industry by providing scabs to break national strikes. Laid-off workers are to be funneled into a vast, centrally coordinated labor pool that includes Colombian and Venezuelan migrant peasants, who will be shuffled back and forth across the border according to schemes coordinated between the labor ministries of the two countries.

A meeting last week in the border city of Cututa, attended by Colombian President Lopez Michelsen, labor Minister Crovo, and all of Colombia's still-living former presidents, centered on the question of "the transfer of labor" among Andean Pact countries, with ILO supervision.

The SENA is also helping to set up a coordinated Central American labor front using World Bank funds. Last Sunday the director of SENA, Gaitan Duran, announced that his organization, in cooperation with the ILO, will be "training" workers in El Salvador and Honduras in primitive, decentralized agricultural projects. In Guatemala, SENA is operating an ILO financed program to "train" earthquake victims to rebuild their leveled homes.

SENA's Venezuelan counterpart, the INCE (Instituto Nacional de Capacitacion para el Empleo), has set up a joint Colombian-Venezuelan Advisory Program to oversee the flow of peasant slave labor across the border, while Benezuela itself is being set up as a huge labor camp for relocated, unemployed workers from Europe. INCE, working closely with the ILO, the Comision Intergubernamental de Migracion Europea (CIME), and the Labor Ministry's Departamento de Inmigracion Selectiva, is the direct implementing and policing operation for this entire scheme. According to an official at a leading New York Bank, 500,000 unemployed European workers are to be shipped to Venezuela to work in labor-intensive agriculture and raw materials projects. INCE itself says it will have to "train" 900,000 workers over the next four years.

All immigrant workers are to be registered and policed exactly as the Nazis' slaves were under the Third Reich. Venezuela's National Economic Council called this week for an unlimited immigration policy towards Europe linked with strict registration of all foreign residents and their "activities." The council also proposed polling all Venezuelan industries to centralize the immediate deployment of immigrants to preassigned jobs.

This hideous program for genocide comes straight from Rockefeller's Club of Rome. With direct links to Venezuelan zero-growth think tanks in three leading universities, the Club of Rome feeds slave-labor "development" plans into the Planning Ministry, with the help of the Centro de Estudios de Desarrollo, set up by the Ford Foundation, and the Fundacion Creole, a subsidiary of Exxon. All of these planners are holding a forum on "Studies of the Future" in Caracas this week to lay out further plans for a Nazi final solution in Venezuela.