

reaching new heights of detail and sophistication, involving the Mexico-Guatemalan border areas, the Indian populations of the region, rural guerrillas, domino effects spun off events further south in the "arc of crisis" etc.

- Perhaps most worrisome of all, there is ample evidence that the U.S. is deliberately fomenting the process of Iranization in the region. This process, involving a meshing of political destabilization with the most backward of religious beliefs and practices, was propelled giant steps forward with the assassination of Archbishop Romero in El Salvador March 23 and the carnage of the Palm Sunday memorial services a week later.

Key in this regard is the record of what America's diplomatic staff is doing "on-the-scene" in El Salvador. First, U.S. ambassador Robert E. White, only in the country a few weeks, lashed into the Salvadorean business community for sponsoring "hit squad" killings of political opponents including Archbishop Romero, in a speech to the San Salvador American Chamber of Commerce. According to a Wall Street Journal report, a leading businessman immediately charged that the White statements "have made me a target for everyone."

Four days later, after the Palm Sunday massacre, Ambassador White with equal surety charged the left with responsibility for the new killings. These statements drew the wrath of the Church and the left.

Here was the spectacle of the U.S. ambassador personally handing out public verdicts of blame in an incendiary and confused situation within hours of events which rocked the entire region.

Documentation

'Mexico is susceptible to destabilization'

The Council on Interamerican Security, a Washington pressure group with connections to Georgetown University, has launched a propaganda campaign around the theme that Cuban involvement in Central America is aimed at acquiring Mexico's oil. The council, which has connections to the Jesuit Georgetown University circles of Henry Kissinger, carried out a similar strenuous lobbying effort one year ago for American intervention in Nicaragua to save since-ousted dictator Anastasio Somoza.

The council argues that the United States is the rightful controller of Mexico's oil, and that the biggest obstacle to American control is Mexico's strong, nationalist traditions and political stability.

A CIS spokesman recently offered the following scenario for events leading to an American military occupation of Mexican oil fields.

Q: U.S. government officials charge that Cuba and the Soviet Union are heating up Central America into an "arc of crisis" with the strategic goal of controlling Mexico's oil resources. Is this your own evaluation?

A: That is in total conformity with our reading of the situation. Mexican oil has to be viewed as the strategic objective in Central America ... I'm very pleased the

A Palm Sunday massacre in El Salvador

With the Pope's personal emissary in attendance, the funeral of slain Archbishop Oscar Romero in El Salvador on Palm Sunday was turned into a massacre that will have the effect of bringing "theology of liberation" psychosis into dominance throughout Latin America. Professional snipers, like those who gunned down the archbishop a week earlier as he delivered communion in the church, fired into the crowd from rooftop positions, setting off panic among the over 100,000 gathered for the memorial service. The toll: 50 dead, 200 wounded.

The Pope has now sent two messages to the region

eulogizing the work of liberationist priest Romero, as part of a broad swing of the Church behind the previously minority liberationist faction.

And in Mexico, where the Church is historically a highly conservative force, the events in El Salvador have resulted in a fanatical "Christian Marxist" realignment. On April 3, a procession to the most popular of Mexican cult shrines, the Basilica of Guadalupe, was led by none other than the Mexican Communist Party, a gaggle of Maoist gangs, and liberationist priests! They chanted slogans: "Guadalupe, your people will be victorious," and "Romero, Romero, you are here among us."

The "liberationists" are exploiting the martyrdom of priests to play on the underdevelopment and ignorance of the peasant masses in Latin America to promote pseudoreligious mass psychosis. The conversion of Romero himself, previously a conservative, to the liberationist cause was triggered two years ago by the killing of one of his parish priests.