

Ibero-Americans kept away from summit?

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Ibero-American leaders have the clearest view of the need to form a "debtors' cartel." Therefore, the opponents of a New World Economic Order want to keep them away from next month's summit meeting of the Non-Aligned movement. It was the delegations of Ibero-America that pushed the debt issue at the Non-Aligned Coordinating Bureau meeting in Managua, Nicaragua in January, calling for joint renegotiation of foreign debts with the industrial-sector banks. The final resolution also "shot down" the IMF by deleting any reference to augmented liquidity for that institution.

In case after case in Ibero-America, sudden internal instabilities, coup threats, and renewed tensions with neighboring states have made it almost impossible for heads of state in that part of the world to leave their countries. And in each of these situations, the hand of the European financial oligarchy and its agent, the U.S. State Department, is present. Typical was the recent statement by American ambassador to Colombia Charles Boyatt, that the Non-Aligned movement—which Colombia seeks to join—is a "bunch of communists."

- Peruvian President Belaunde Terry has announced that he will not attend the New Delhi summit. His government has been rocked by a wave of brutal terrorist violence, patterned on the social destabilization and brainwashing techniques developed at the Tavistock Institute branch of British intelligence, combined with the same type of State Department collaboration that took place in Cambodia ten years ago between genocidalist Pol Pot and State Department "population control" expert Thomas Enders. The Sendero Luminoso terrorists are constantly compared to the Khmer Rouge in the media.

- Argentine President Reynaldo Bignone is also being pressured not to attend the summit. Although Bignone is scheduled to attend, he may be forced to remain in Buenos Aires because of an unstable internal situation, provoked by certain factions of the armed forces, and growing tensions with Chile over the Beagle Channel dispute. Some press sources in Buenos Aires are predicting that Bignone may develop a sudden "illness" that would prevent him from attending.

- Colombia's President Betancur, who has announced that his country will apply to the Non-Aligned for full mem-

bership in New Delhi, may not be able to attend personally. Betancur has been besieged by threats from military factions controlled by local family branches of the European oligarchy (see Andean Report).

Well-informed diplomatic sources in Venezuela report that there is a serious threat against Betancur's life. An indispensable component to any assassination operation against Betancur is the psychological "climate" being synthesized by rightwing networks, which are circulating the "line" that Betancur may be "worse than Fidel Castro" and that he is trying to commit Colombia to membership in a "Communist-dominated" organization—the Non-Aligned movement. This slander of the Colombian president is being circulated with direct collaboration from the State Department and the "New Right" apparatus in the United States, through circles linked to Tradition, Family and Property—a fascist pseudo-Catholic cult that has been linked to attempts to murder the Pope.

- In Ecuador, a full member of the Non-Aligned, President Osvaldo Hurtado may also be prevented from traveling to New Delhi because of threats to his constitutional regime from military coup plotters. His government has been trying to implement IMF guidelines that have only aggravated social tensions, which last fall erupted in riots.

- Venezuelan President Luis Herrera Campins had hoped to become an official member of the Non-Aligned nations in New Delhi, but the British colonial regime in Guyana, which has a long-standing border dispute with Venezuela, is maneuvering to block the move, as it did last fall—the first time a dispute between two nations was ever used as an excuse to deny membership. The Herrera Campins government has already made it clear that it will only attend the New Delhi summit if its membership in the organization is assured.

Venezuela is under pressure from international bankers, who are resorting to everything from withholding credits, promoting the OPEC price crisis, the launching of bogus default suits, to promoting monstrous capital flight, in an effort to coerce the government to sign an austerity pact with the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Thomas Enders, Pol Pot's old friend, recently traveled to Caracas to tell the Venezuelans they had better not entertain any ideas of discussing a debtors' cartel with other Ibero-American nations.

- In Bolivia, President Hernán Siles Zuazo has been "destabilized" by State Department operations and coup threats to such an extent that he had to cancel visits to meet with French President François Mitterrand and Spain's Felipe González last month. After the MIR party tried to collapse the Siles government by withdrawing from the cabinet, a State Department official admitted to *EIR* that, "although the MIR tries to look radical in terms of foreign policy, domestically, their policy is very much in agreement with ours." In addition, the same official revealed that the State Department is circulating the rumor that Siles Zuazo is "doing nothing" to wipe out the cocaine trade—and that, by implication, Washington should no longer support his government.