

Probe U.S. embassy, AIFLD, and Gnostics

On the basis of abundant evidence, including the following facts, *EIR* founder Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. called Aug. 2 for an international investigation of AFL-CIO president Lane Kirkland, AIFLD (the American Institute for Free Labor Development), and Henry Kissinger on suspicion of their having ordered the abduction and Gnostic brainwashing of Patricia Paredes de Londoño.

Fact #1: José Vicente Márques is a top level member of the Universal Christian Gnostic Church in Colombia. Márques is a congressman who presides over the 7th commission of the Colombian Congress, the committee in charge of labor affairs.

Fact #2: Márques, by his own admission, works closely with U.S. embassy labor attaché, Jim Bell.

Fact #3: Márques claims to be a personal acquaintance of former President Alfonso López Michelsen, and says that he is personally supported by López. López Michelsen has openly called for accepting the drug mafia's demand for amnesty, and is considered the "godfather" of the Colombian drug mafia. When he assumed the presidency in 1974, cults like the Universal Christian Gnostic Church were legalized for the first time. The Church now claims 20,000 members in Colombia.

Fact #4: A close friend of Márques is Arturo Cortés Cadena, the lawyer who acted as public "spokesman" for Patricia Londoño during her abduction and shielded her brainwashers from police interference. Cortés Cadena is an active member of the Universal Christian Gnostic Church, by his own statement.

Fact #5: Cortés Cadena is also legal counsel for the transport workers' union, Unitrasco, which is a member of the Confederación General de Trabajadores (CGT), the smallest of Colombia's labor federations which works closely with U.S. embassy labor attaché Jim Bell and AIFLD. The CGT does the embassy's bidding in, for example, opposing the formation of a debtors' club. AIFLD has long been run as a trilateral operation of business, labor, and government, with Jay Lovestone's AFL-CIO nest of ex-communists doing the leg work and the State Department paying the bills.

Fact #6: AIFLD and the U.S. Embassy's labor attaché in Bogota, who is picked by Lane Kirkland, have a history

of illegal operations against the PLAN and the Anti-Drug Coalition in Colombia. In October 1982, then-labor attaché Jack Muth and the AIFLD representative in Colombia, Edwin Palenque, were caught threatening to wreck a major trade union in Colombia if members of that union participated in the Bogotá conference of the Club of Life. When U.S. investigators contacted Muth, he not only volunteered admission of his attempt to blackmail a Colombian trade union official, but bragged that this action was part of a year-long operation conducted in coordination with named AFL-CIO and organized-crime circles. The Club of Life was backed by the PLAN and ADC, and its coordinator in Colombia was Patricia Paredes de Londoño.

Fact #7: A friend of Márques, Antonio Zarate, heads the APECO union which represents small merchants. Zarate admires the Gnostic Church. He openly attacked Patricia's husband Maximiliano Londoño at the latest congress of UTRABOC, the Bogotá section of the UTC labor federation in which Londoño won generalized support for his fight for LaRouche's Operation Juárez proposal for dealing with the debt crisis. Zarate says that APECO was built up with the generous support of banker Ernesto Samper Pizano, one of the most vocal advocates in Colombia of the legalization of the drug traffic.

Fact #8: Zarate says that Oscar Jiménez, "a wonderful young man," works for him in APECO. According to Zarate, Jiménez and Alberto Sarmiento of APECO co-organized the Movement for National Renovation in Santander, where "Oscar worked with us and Ernesto Samper Pizano." Oscar Jiménez infiltrated the Andean Labor Party while Maximiliano Londoño was traveling and played a major inside role in setting up Patricia Londoño for brainwashing before he was expelled for his links to narcotics traffic.

Fact #9: The Universal Christian Gnostic Church controlled, through his mother, Jaime Bateman, the founder and leader of the M-19 terrorist movement. In his last interview before his death, to the Peruvian magazine *Caretas*, Bateman reported that the Church executive body frequently sent its congratulations to the M-19 organization.

Fact #10: The Universal Christian Gnostic Church has a worked-out, published formula for brainwashing victims. A book by the patriarch of the church, Julio Medina Viscaino, titled "Keys to Mental Dynamics," traces the following six steps in a section on the "Annihilation of the Ego." 1) Wipe out the normal "I." 2) Wipe out the good "I's." 3) Wipe out the hidden face of the "I's" [i.e., the subconscious or pre-conscious]. 4) Wipe out the memories of the "I," or the phenomena. 5) Wipe out the sources of the "I's." 6) Destruction of the personality.

In Viscaino's book, the completion of these six phases leads to a state of "perfect rest," known as "blue time." He reports that it causes a total crisis, which some people are unable to endure, whereas others continue the program.