

## Editorial

### *U.S. must support García*

Five days after Alan García's inauguration as President of Peru on July 28, the Peruvian government sent telexes to the international banks, demanding a six-month postponement of payment on Peru's direct and indirect public debt, and inviting the banks to send representatives to Lima to discuss the situation. At the same time, the new government is escalating its war on drugs, and moving to clamp down on corrupt sections of the political police which have been aiding terrorism and drug trafficking.

Thus, a new flank has been opened up against the enemies of Western civilization, including one of the world's most savage terrorist gangs, the Soviet-backed Shining Path group nurtured in Peru by Nazi anthropologists like Jacques Soustelle.

It should be stressed that President García's actions are not those desired by the leaders of the Moscow-loving Socialist International, to which his own party belongs, and whose leaders had assiduously courted him in the pre-inauguration period.

Rather, they coincide with the statements made by the Pope during his visit early this year to Peru. As we reported in *EIR*'s issue dated Feb. 19, 1985: "Pope John Paul II, during his five-day visit to Peru which began Feb. 1, braved a red-alert threat to his own security to deliver a vigorous challenge to the international financial oligarchy whose austerity conditionalities in the Third World are breeding despair, pseudo-religious cults, drugs, and terrorism. . . . In Ayacucho, the stronghold of the Shining Path terrorist gang, he laid the blame for terrorism squarely on the international institutions that have fostered unemployment and desperate poverty. Although he did not name the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, his inference was unmistakable," we summarized then.

"There is nothing in common between Fidel Castro and me," President Alan García said in an interview to the Italian magazine *L'Espresso*. But there is something in common between Castro's Soviet sponsors and the U.S. State Department: They are both out to destroy President García.

On Aug. 3, the State Department announced that it is suspending all new economic and military aid to Peru, citing an obscure statute which requires an aid cut-off to a country which owes money to the United States for more than a year (Peru owes only \$11 million, of which only a small portion is in arrears).

The *Wall Street Journal* proposes a food war against Peru. As we go to press, international bankers are meeting in Paris to define a common war plan among creditors, fearing a "dangerous precedent."

What the government of Alan García is doing at this moment is demonstrating the republican method of resolving the present crisis—the method outlined in Lyndon LaRouche's "Operation Juárez," which was named in honor of the collaboration between the great Mexican nation-builder and the United States' Abraham Lincoln. When, three years ago, the Mexican government opened up the same fight, it was crushed by the IMF when other nations failed to join Mexico's battle against the banks.

If this occurs again, not just Peru but the entire Ibero-American continent will be ground up in civil wars, border wars, and economic devastation.

The State Department is cutting off García for steering a courageous course between the IMF and Castro. It is the same process that we are witnessing in South Africa and the Middle East, where the United States blindly stumbles along behind the British and Soviet gamemasters, who are out to destroy any moderate leadership, such as Bishop Desmond Tutu or Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, in favor of a bloody polarization between extremist fanatics.

What Peru has done must be supported. The time has come for President Reagan to make the kind of command decision he made on March 23, 1983, and to withdraw U.S. support from the International Monetary Fund dictatorship which is destroying our allies around the world. By this means, and only by this means, the President will disarm the unelected "secret government" which is rapidly imposing an IMF dictatorship on the United States, too.