

## Dateline Mexico by Marivilla Carrasco

### 'Aztec' presidential candidate touted

*The frontrunner of the ex-bankers and Wall Street seems to be Secretary of (Ill) Health, Guillermo Soberón.*

On Oct. 22, Alan Riding, *New York Times* correspondent in Ibero-America, launched for the first time in the U.S. press the pre-candidacy of Secretary of Health Guillermo Soberón, for President of Mexico in 1988. Although Riding mentions Dr. Soberón only after three other strong, but controversial, pre-candidates, it is known that if the first three are eliminated, this will favor the nomination of the Health Secretary.

Soberón could be named as the presidential candidate of the ruling party, the Revolutionary Institutional Party (PRI), not only because he fits the rules of the Mexican political game, according to which the PRI's candidate is chosen from among members of the current cabinet, but also because Guillermo Soberón offers guarantees that the genocidal austerity programs dictated by international financiers will be fulfilled.

In fact, four days after the Riding article, on Oct. 26, the most prominent spokesman of Mexico's "ex-bankers," Luis E. Mercado, revealed in his syndicated financial column that, in fact, Dr. Soberón is the favorite of the Mexican oligarchs belonging to the big industrialists' association known as Coparmex. (The ex-bankers owned the banks nationalized in 1982 by then President López Portillo when he discovered that they were massively looting the economy through flight capital and other tricks.) According to Mercado, Soberón suits the ideals of this anti-nationalist branch of Mexico's private sector, to wit: "partisan of re-

alistic economics [monetarist—ed.], capable of deciding with speed and efficiency, as non-state-oriented as possible."

Dr. Soberón, who has the face of a bulldog, is nonetheless attractive to Mexico's ex-bankers and the Trilateral Commission, for something more than the traits singled out by Mercado.

Guillermo Soberón is the most prominent member of the Tepoztlán Center, A.C., a group to which another member of the presidential cabinet, Manuel Camacho, secretary of Urban Development and Ecology, also belongs. The Tepoztlán Center was set up in 1981 by officials of the Club of Rome, the Trilateral Commission, and Mexican politicians. Its specific goal is to take control of the institutions of Mexico's government and impose economic and cultural policies based on bucolic, bestializing, and anti-Western concepts, in order to halt technological progress and promote the zero-growth quackery that the world needs fewer people.

According to eyewitnesses, Guillermo Soberón presides over Aztec ceremonies which the members of the Tepoztlán Center periodically hold, where they eat off *molcajetes* (Aztec-style stone plates) and wear ornamental chains around their necks with a distinctive snail representing Tlacaeletl, the Aztec adviser responsible for carrying out the human sacrifices which epitomized Aztec barbarism.

Guillermo Soberón's public life has been inflexibly pledged to malthusian population-cutting ideology every

step of the way. His political career is tightly linked to Dr. Gustavo Baz, a Nazi-communist gnostic, now over 90, who began as a soldier with the troops of Emiliano Zapata during the Mexican Revolution. Baz received financing from the Rockefeller Foundation to promote countless Malthusian programs, and as Health Secretary in the 1960s, he created a dynasty of Malthusian doctors who have kept an iron grip over Mexico's health sector.

Thanks to the power of Gustavo Baz, Guillermo Soberón became director of the School of Medicine of the National Autonomous University of Mexico, from 1966 to 1971. He then became the university's rector for eight years, supported by the malthusian group that tried to make Mario Moya Palencia President of Mexico in 1976, and now has designs to install Soberón in the presidency. As university head, Soberón compromised Mexico's greatest educational institution with the powerful Miguel Alemán financial interests in the Televisa chain, which pushes the population-cutting programs of the Population Institute of the Inter-American Development Agency.

The supranational oligarchic backing for Soberón is the only way to explain the incongruous fact that Mexico's top health official advocates closing both general and specialized medical schools, under the false presumption that there is "overproduction" of doctors in Mexico. Soberón introduced so-called barefoot doctors, quacks, and witch doctors to replace scientific medicine.

With only four years of "services," Soberón has provoked a health disaster in Mexico: out-of-control epidemics of malaria, dengue, hepatitis, and AIDS. Everything points to the conclusion that as President, he would end up destroying the nation.