

Andean Report by Robert Morton

Terrorist operations chief arrested

The brains of Shining Path, Osmán Morote, was captured. Like most Shining Path controllers, he is an anthropologist.

On June 12, Peruvian Army men captured Osmán Morote during a raid on a Lima apartment. He had been sought for years as an "intellectual author" of the terrorists who have inflicted more than 12,000 deaths on Peru over the past eight years.

Deputy Interior Minister Agustín Mantilla declared that Morote was operations chief of the Shining Path movement. He was caught with loads of Shining Path propaganda, but without any dynamite or weapons.

Osmán Morote, like most of those who control the Communist Party of Peru—The Shining Path of José Carlos Mariátegui—is an anthropologist. He is, in fact, the son of anthropologist Dr. Efraín Morote, who sponsored Shining Path's creation. From the early 1960s until after Shining Path began its irregular warfare in 1980, Dr. Morote was rector of the university in Ayacucho where it began. He brought in Abimael Guzmán to expound the Marxist gobbledy-gook that French anthropologists concocted for Shining Path's ideology. Like the U.S. Symbionese Liberation Army, Shining Path's synthetic ideology is a cover for brainwashing zombies. Dr. Morote turned three of his four children into wanton murderers.

Shining Path is a social experiment by racist European gnostics to try to purge Western civilization from a nation-state and replace it with a synthetic "Incan" dictatorship. European and American archeologists spent decades digging up remnants of the old Incan "urban culture" in the hills of Ayacucho. Dr. Morote specialized in seeking out vestiges of Incan my-

thology among the superstitious beliefs of the Quechua-speaking Indians who form the bulk of the region's population. Those myths of a resurrection of an Indian empire are now employed by Shining Path to exercise mind control over the Indian inhabitants and to help instill fear in those who would challenge their barbarism.

In the 1950s, Ayacucho was chosen as the focal point of the project, because it is the part of Peru where Western civilization is weakest. Its university was founded in 1961, explicitly to act as "an agent of social change." It was funded mostly by Holland, Denmark, Canada, and the United States.

Any decent person who visited Ayacucho in the 1960s would agree that radical social changes were necessary. At least 200 of every 1,000 babies born died in their first year. Over 75% of the people had not finished even one year of school and were illiterate. Only 5% completed six years of school. Almost all the land was owned by several dozen absentee landlords who treated the peasants like serfs.

By the mid-1960s, Osmán Morote believed that the oligarchy was too powerful to allow reforms to correct such manifest injustices. He insisted there would have to be a revolution, fought with guns smuggled in from Bolivia. Already, the seeds of Shining Path had been sown.

Reforms have taken place in the past 20 years, but not the economic development needed to assure that desperate masses will not get sucked into Shining Path. The oligarchs are

in Lima and their arid and unimproved lands divided among the peasants. But a yellow fever epidemic has killed 120 people in the past year in the small city of Huanta, and rages out of control because there is no money for vaccines. Though there are more schools, teachers who try to teach anything but Shining Path ideology are routinely assassinated.

One of Shining Path's main goals is to make sure economic development never takes place. Any factory or irrigation dam built in the region is blown up. A civil engineer and his son were murdered June 8, while working in a peasant village near the city of Huancayo. The next day, the police in Huancayo threatened to abandon their posts unless reinforcements were sent, "Then we will not be responsible for what Shining Path does to the population." Police and local leaders are shot in the back by terrorists every day.

The best protection people like the Morotes have is the image spread abroad that the band's anthropologist controllers and members are idealistic revolutionaries. The *Washington Post*, for example, wrote June 4, "Shining Path prides itself on the purity of its Maoist ideology, and profiting from the drug trade goes sharply against the grain of the organization's beliefs."

Bishop Luis Bambaren, however, refutes such myths. He declared June 6, "For ten years Abimael Guzmán has been proposing the total destruction of society; that it must be destroyed to rebuild over its ruins. This is proof that this is an imported ideology, that was not born in Peru and that these ideologues not only have their own ideological resources but the support of others to make them strong. One of its backers is the drug trade that sustains them economically and enables them to buy weapons."