

El Salvador: CIA works with terrorists

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The June 30 assassination of the president of El Salvador's Institute of International Relations, Edgar Chacón, has provoked renewed charges that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency is actively collaborating with Soviet-allied terrorists in El Salvador. That collaboration extends to the elimination of any and all opposition to the Bush administration's decision that the terrorists are to be handed a share of power there.

Chacón's murder puts the lie to the line retailed by the CIA and U.S. State Department, that Washington's fevered push for a global condominium with Moscow has weakened Soviet narco-terrorist armies in the Americas, and has somehow "forced" them to the negotiating table. In fact, it is nationalists of the Americas, *not* the narco-terrorists, who are being sacrificed on the altar of the condominium.

Chacón was an outspoken opponent of Washington's efforts to establish a global condominium with Moscow. On June 30, "unidentified gunmen" shot him as his car was stopped at a stoplight in San Salvador. His wife, Helen, driving the car, escaped unhurt. Speaking to the press the next day, Mrs. Chacón accused the Soviet-allied Farabundo Marti Liberation Front (FMLN) terrorists of responsibility for the murder of her husband.

Asked who else besides the FMLN could be interested in his death, Mrs. Chacón replied: "The CIA, naturally, because the CIA helps the guerrillas. Even though [U.S.] Ambassador [William] Walker denies it, we all know that this is so."

Guillermo Ungo, the president of the Revolutionary Democratic Front (FDR) who ran as the FMLN's frontman for President in the last elections, was "called to Washington" by the CIA to "negotiate," she charged. When former FMLN Commander Miguel Castellanos identified Ungo's partner in the FDR, Ruben Zamora, as a CIA agent, he "was killed a week after making that statement. Do you think his grandmother killed him?" she asked, and then answered herself, "No, gentlemen."

"President [Alfredo] Cristiani and the Salvadoran people will react. The FMLN have made a mistake. . . . They do not know whom they have hit and the reactions they will provoke," Mrs. Chacón warned.

Dialogue, condominium style

Chacón was the third figure associated with the Cristiani government to be assassinated since he assumed the presi-

dency on June 1. José Antonio Rodríguez Porth, a prominent conservative politician who had been named Secretary to the Presidency, was gunned down on June 9. The murder of National Fire Department Director, Col. Roberto Armando Rivera, followed on June 27.

Nor has there been any letup since. On July 3, terrorists wounded the head of the Supreme Court, Mauricio Gutiérrez Castro. Power lines and transportation routes are systematically bombarded. Defense Minister Gen. Rafael Humberto Larios warned the National Assembly on July 11 to brace for more assassinations, "both selective and indiscriminate," as well as a step-up in sabotage against economic installations, over the next few weeks.

The principal advantage which the FMLN enjoys at this time is not overwhelming military power, but the support they have received from the U.S. government. In a February visit to El Salvador, Vice President Dan Quayle warned that the Bush administration is prepared to end U.S. aid to El Salvador, if the military does not limit its fighting to levels which do not compromise Washington's "regional crisis" talks with Moscow. Shooting is not ruled out, but defeating the enemy certainly is.

Quayle returned to El Salvador in June. This time he went one step further, and met personally with the FMLN's political leaders, Ungo and Zamora.

It was this genocidal strategy of cabinet warfare combined with negotiations which Chacón adamantly opposed. He and others at the International Relations Institute were campaigning for the Cristiani government to adopt a military and economic strategy aimed at winning peace through victory. Chacón argued that such a strategy requires breaking with the austerity policies dictated by the State Department's Agency for International Development, which have only driven desperate people into the hands of the terrorists.

Chacón had no doubt that El Salvador's battle for sovereignty is the same as that facing all the Americas. As *EIR* reported in January 1989, Chacón named the Eastern Establishment's Inter-American Dialogue as the center of a plot to destroy Ibero-America's militaries on behalf of the "international usurers' " deal with Moscow.

On Feb. 7, 1989, he had escalated: "Salvadorans must have a clear idea that they face a conspiracy which seeks to force them to submit to a totalitarian socialist regime which implies an understanding between the great powers of East and West," he told El Salvador's *El Diario de Hoy*.

Henry Kissinger, the Trilateral Commission, and the "red millionaires" David Rockefeller and Armand Hammer are at the forefront of this conspiracy, Chacón said. "In the end, what the conspirators seek, is to establish a vast socialist world system, and in this order of things, El Salvador's Armed Forces . . . are to be sacrificed along with El Salvador, just as was done in Vietnam, Cuba, and Nicaragua, to name only a few of the most recent cases of treason by U.S. politicians."