
Interview: Carlos Calderón Carbajal

Peru a laboratory for the Anglo-Americans

Deputy Carlos Calderón Carbajal, of Peru's APRA party, represents the department of La Libertad in the lower house of Congress of the Republic of Peru. He gave the following interview on March 19 to Carlos Wesley, in Washington, D.C.

EIR: Hernando de Soto, leader of the Institute for Liberty and Democracy, has called for "popular consultations," to get Peru to adopt a total free market policy. What do you think of that proposal?

Calderón: We are convinced that this proposal is aimed at disarming, at beheading and destabilizing those institutions that are the bulwark of democracy and sustain the community in our nations. Basically, the aim is to do away with the national legislature, because the Congress of the Republic is, in reality, the center of political existence, the great forum for political debate and of resistance to the implementation of the economic program of the International Monetary Fund.

EIR: Do you then see this call for popular consultations as a move by the government, or at least by Mr. De Soto, to impose the measures of the International Monetary Fund?

Calderón: Yes, of course! That is obvious. What President Alberto Fujimori—who has wholeheartedly embraced the International Monetary Fund—needs is great freedom to be able to implement the IMF economic program with impunity. To accomplish that, he obviously has to destabilize the regions, the political parties that oppose that policy, the politicians themselves, and, clearly, the national parliament. That is, the aim is to annul the Congress of the Republic as the great forum, as a center of debate, and to eliminate all resistance to Mr. Fujimori's liberal program.

EIR: Recently, a Peruvian magazine accused Mr. De Soto of being financed by the U.S. State Department and by other private and government agencies of the United States—in sum, of being an agent of the United States. What do think about that charge?

Calderón: I believe that it is true. Of course, he is not an

agent of the American people, of the lower-income people in this country. Obviously, he is an agent of the American establishment, of the famous Anglo-American establishment which is now attempting to impose its dominion over the world. We believe that what's happening right now is not only aimed at Peru, which has been turned into a great laboratory, into a test center for their politico-economic prescriptions. There is also a real threat against the whole Third World. In other words, they aim to do away with its option for development, even its option for existence, by the 21st century.

EIR: Could you tell us more about what you mean when you say that Peru is a great laboratory for testing the "new world order" of President George Bush?

Calderón: In Peru, for example, what they are doing is beheading the institutions that sustain democracy, as I said before. They are trying to test the famous popular consultations, which in reality is a fascist project; they are attempting to make such a project viable. They are studying the response of the population. They are implementing a pseudo-war on drugs—there is no real war on drugs; a pseudo-war on subversion—there is no serious policy against subversion. They are dismantling the process of regionalization, so that other countries do not follow our example. They are breaking up the political parties. They are virtually shutting down the universities, by choking off their revenues. They are breaking up the labor unions. Every trade association, labor union, student organization is being openly attacked.

That is, they are attacking on all fronts, from education to sports. I believe that is the main danger facing Peru, because they are using it as a laboratory mouse.

EIR: Regarding the current cholera epidemic, do you also see that as part of this great experimental laboratory?

Calderón: Yes, I believe that is the case with this cholera epidemic. It is the consequence of economic policies that have been applied to the Third World for the last 30 years. In the case of Peru, we all know about the high levels of malnutrition, about the lack of basic services for citizens, about the promiscuity in the major cities, the piling up of people. That is to say, everything needed for cholera to erupt in Peru.

EIR: What can the Peruvian people do about this?

Calderón: I believe things can explode at any moment. Everything has a limit. Peruvians may be a very patient people, long-suffering, but I believe that they are coming to the end of their rope, and this is going to blow up. At this point, the political parties and all social organizations are going to have to play a key role, because, either we are for the future of our nation, or we are against our development possibilities. Things are coming to a crossroads, and everyone is going to have to choose sides.