

Editorial

Constitutional law versus anarchy

Typical of everything else which is wrong with the United States lately, has been the enthusiastic endorsement of the anti-constitutional coup which is unfolding in Colombia. On June 8, Colombian President César Gaviria Trujillo issued a decree dissolving the current Congress, although this is entirely contrary to the Colombian Constitution. In fact, the whole process under which the existing Constitution is being rewritten by a "Constituent Assembly" violates constitutional law in that country.

The truth is that Colombia has been a nation under siege, in which members of the judiciary, the press, leading critics of the drug cartels and terrorist organizations, have been assassinated. The narco-terrorists have beaten the Supreme Court judges into submission. The whole process by which the Constitution is being rewritten is illegal, based as it is upon a referendum, rather than upon the required submission to two successive sessions of the Congress for approval of the convocation of a Constituent Assembly. Now President Gaviria has made a pact with that illegally formed Constituent Assembly to dissolve the Congress and dictatorially assume the powers of the legislature himself, pending the election of a new Congress under the procedures which he will decree.

All of this has proceeded under Washington's watchful, and approving, eye. All of it has proceeded in the name of "democracy."

Major issues in rewriting the Constitution are outlawing extradition of drug traffickers and hampering the military in carrying out an effective war against drugs. Another issue concerns population policy and the concordat between the Vatican and the Colombian nation. The "reformers" want to ensure that sterilization and other radical anti-population measures can be forced upon the population. A liberal congressman has already proposed an article in the new Constitution which would legalize the production and sale of "recreational" drugs like cocaine, so that they were merely regulated in the manner of alcoholic drinks.

This is the reality of George Bush's new world

order, a reality recently endorsed by the director general of the International Monetary Fund, Michel Camdessus, who on June 10 stated that the IMF has found that "democracy" is the best system for the enforcement of austerity and *readjustments* in the Third World. Key targets of Camdessus and the Bush crowd are the Ibero-American military establishments, which represent an organized nationalist force, as well as the Catholic Church and the existing Congresses.

It is by no means coincidental that Alexander Hamilton—the great opponent of Adam Smith's evil economic doctrines—was also a leading defender of the U.S. Constitution prior to its adoption in May 1787. "No legislative act," he wrote, "therefore, contrary to the Constitution, can be valid."

This new imperialism, Bush's corporatist new world order, if it is consolidated, will be far deadlier than Hitler's Third Reich. Already its death count rivals that of Hitler's concentration camps. A constitution, such as the Constitution of Colombia or the U.S. Constitution, represents an obstacle for those who would destroy nations, in order to reestablish colonial rule modeled upon the Roman and then the British empires.

The IMF is demanding precisely the same kind of *readjustments* in countries such as Poland. Their intent is to establish a bankers' dictatorship there which will be run by flunkies of the Anglo-American oligarchy.

In a speech in Poland on June 8, Pope John Paul II called for Poland to reintroduce its short-lived, republican Constitution of 1791. That constitution, he pointed out, was modeled directly upon the U.S. Constitution.

Good constitutions are always based upon natural law. It is bitter to reflect that despite the achievement of a Constitution which has served as a model for all republics, the United States is now acting as the enemy of moral law and republican government. We join with the pope and the patriots in Colombia who are opposing the narco-terrorist coup attempt, to reaffirm the importance of natural law and of genuine constitutionally founded government.