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Earlier, on Aug. 19, the head of the General Staff of the Armed Forces, Gen. Antonio Luiz Veneu, declared that the powerful developed nations have a strategy of teaching Brazil to "administer" its wealth, as indicated by the mid-July meeting of the Group of Seven nations in London. The offensive is sufficiently real, he said, that "if necessary, we will go to war" to defend the Amazon.

First man, then the crocodiles

During the debate following *EIR*'s testimony to the congressional commission, those deputies present drew attention to the philosophical principles behind the ecology movement, spearheaded by the pagan beliefs of Britain's Prince Charles according to whom human and animal life have the same value.

"With ecological fervor, there is an inversion of values which atrophies the very concept that man was created in the image and likeness of God. We have reached the absurd point where it is prohibited to chop down a tree. One cannot put the crocodile ahead of man," insisted Deputy João Fagundes, member of the Defense Commission of the Chamber of Deputies.

The political battle against this and other aberrations of the international eco-fascist lobby, enthusiastically supported by Environment Secretary José Lutzenberger, was launched by the governor of Amazonas state Gilberto Mestrinho, who proceeds on the basis that the worst pollution in Brazil is misery and lack of development. He has announced plans to produce a poster showing a human being with the slogan, "Protect this species facing extinction!"

In early August, a group of governors from the Amazon region met to unify their positions regarding the U.N.-sponsored international conference on Environment and Development, or Eco-92, to be held next year in Rio de Janeiro. Eco-92 is being planned by the Anglo-American oligarchy as a major assault on Brazilian sovereignty.

The goal of attending Eco-92 with a single viewpoint representing the national interest was also embraced by Army Minister Tinoco, during his presentation to the Congressional Commission of Inquiry. According to press reports, the standpoint arrived at during the governors' meeting was that of Governor Mestrinho, one diametrically opposed to the government's environmental report prepared according to Lutzenberger's guidelines, which was to have been presented at Eco-92 as Brazil's official position but which now—in view of the polemic it has triggered—will likely be ditched.

Ecologists feeling defensive

The foreign assault against Brazil has awakened very sensitive nationalist tendencies, as evidenced by recent scathing attacks on the ecology movement written by author Gerardo Mello Mourao (see *EIR*, Aug. 23). This nationalist reaction, according to the Aug. 23 issue of *Correio Bra-*

Lutzenberger makes protest to EIR

EIR's correspondent in Brazil, Lorenzo Carrasco, received a surprising phone call on the afternoon of Aug. 27, from Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, from a person who identified himself as Environment Minister José Lutzenberger. In an irate tone, the minister attempted to defend himself from accusations made by Carrasco in an article published in the March 8, 1991 issue of *EIR*, "Brazil's Lutzenberger's Green Fascism: Return to the Stone Age." The article had described Lutzenberger as an agent of the Anglo-Americans' "green" oligarchy, intent on imposing the new world order's ecology dictates on Brazil. Lutzenberger's reaction reflects the impact of Carrasco's Aug. 20 testimony before the Congress, when he denounced the British royal family as one of the primary forces behind the international ecology movement.

Carrasco confronted the minister with the evidence of his own writings, which equate human population growth with the proliferation of bacteria colonies; Lutzenberger could only reply defensively that this was "poetic metaphor." Lutzenberger, who disagreed with Carrasco that human life is preeminent over the rest of creation, and that the British royalty's belief to the contrary was a perversion, refused the correspondent's invitation to hold a public debate on their disagreements.

siliense, has prompted the leader of Brazil's ecology movement, Deputy Fabio Feldmann, to convene "all environmentalist agencies for a counteroffensive against the rumor being spread that Eco-92 will represent a threat to Brazilian sovereignty. According to Feldmann, this negative campaign has expressed itself through articles published in the national media and in statements like those of Mexican journalist Lorenzo Carrasco on the internationalization of the Amazon."

Despite growing recognition of the face of Brazil's enemy—foreign and domestic—resistance to the "new order" has failed to take definitive form because it lacks an urgent economic program that would be compatible with the defense of national sovereignty. Insisting on pursuing a monetarist program, desperately seeking agreements with the collapsed international financial system which is the very heart of Bush's new world order, is incompatible with a serious defense of those historic institutions which are committed to creating a national awareness in defense of sovereignty.