

International Intelligence

Novelist Fuentes demands multiculturalism

Commenting on the narco-terrorist insurgency which erupted Jan. 1 in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas, Mexican novelist Carlos Fuentes argued that "multiculturalism is the only way to prevent Mexico from being broken up, and allow the voices of all Mexicans to be heard."

Fuentes, whose comments were reported in the Feb. 2 daily *El Universal* of Mexico City, speaks politically for the São Paulo Forum, the Cuban-inspired coalition of leftist and narco-terrorist groups formed in Ibero-America after the fall of the Berlin Wall. He is also a supporter of presidential candidate Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas, whose Democratic Revolutionary Party (PRD) is also affiliated with the São Paulo Forum.

Affirming that "it's better that we accept Mexico's cultural pluralism," Fuentes gave credence to the argument that the emergence of the Zapatista National Liberation Army (EZLN) in Chiapas is due to the government's disregard for different ethnic groups and their cultural characteristics. "The Indians and peasants of Chiapas are more intelligent than any leader of the PRI," Fuentes said, in reference to the Revolutionary Institutional Party, Mexico's ruling party.

Justifying the existence of the EZLN in Chiapas, Fuentes added that "if there are people who've taken up arms in Mexico, it is because society and the government haven't shown them that this is unnecessary. I'm against violence, but it's a fact that the shots of the Zapatista Army . . . were heard around the country. They hit the target and have transformed Mexico."

Panama celebrates LaRouche's freedom

"Today we are celebrating" in Panama because Lyndon LaRouche is free. So wrote Luis de Janon in his "Ave Fenix" column in the Jan. 27 issue of the newspaper *La Estrella de Panamá*. LaRouche was freed on pa-

role on Jan. 26, after serving 5 years of a 15-year federal prison sentence on trumped-up conspiracy charges.

De Janon wrote that the jailing of the American statesman was "infamous and cruel," and that he and "hundreds of intellectuals, politicians, artists, scientists, and thinkers from all over the world, in a united solidarity crusade of liberation, sent messages to the judicial authorities and to the President of the United States to request liberty for that citizen of the world, whose tremendous intelligence has been wasted in prison. That is why Ave Fenix is celebrating today. Our fraternal greetings to Lyndon LaRouche, and keep up the fight for the health of the world and for its people who are exploited and looted."

LaRouche's parole was also reported by most other Panamanian dailies, and it was the subject of favorable comments on several radio talk shows. A congressional aide told *EIR* that the day the news was announced, he was flooded with calls from people congratulating him on the release. A supporter of Gen. Manuel Noriega who had gone underground called in from his exile to offer best wishes.

A jailed officer of the former Panamanian Defense Forces said: "Nearly everybody in this prison is a LaRouche supporter. You have no idea how many followers you have in Panama. Almost before the news was published, the other prisoners were coming up to me to congratulate me on the release of 'my boss.' When I said, 'Who, Noriega?' They replied, 'No, LaRouche!'"

Sweden now looks for Palme's 'lone assassin'

The Swedish criminal police who are investigating the Feb. 28, 1986 assassination of Prime Minister Olof Palme have concluded that no conspiracy was involved. They claim that they are closing in on a suspect, and that arrests should soon be forthcoming.

The investigation has been plagued by incompetence and sabotage, both from within Sweden and from foreign intelli-

gence agencies. Back in 1986, the East German communist intelligence service, acting on orders from Moscow, used its agents in Sweden to plant the lie that associates of Lyndon LaRouche were implicated in the murder. Only after much international brouhaha was this absurd "theory" thrown into the garbage.

According to the daily *Dagens Nyheter* of Feb. 2, "the Palme investigation has now definitely written off the theory that Palme was murdered through a conspiracy. The Palme group is now instead focusing on 'the lone assassin,' and is looking for him in a limited, selected group."

The newspaper quoted police investigator Hans Oelrebro: "As Mr. and Mrs. Palme left the cinema, no one else knew which way they would go but themselves. It is, among other things, this which allows us to exclude the theory of an attempted assassination with would-be assassins who were positioned in wait for them."

The daily *Expressen* published an interview with Oelrebro, asking him when the murder case will be solved. "During the spring," he replied. Oelrebro visited the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation at the beginning of January. He told *Expressen* that the visit "had positive results. We learned some things that we can benefit from. It showed us that our way of thinking has not been wrong." Oelrebro and his team met with FBI specialists on "assassination attempts against statemen."

The FBI, which helped thwart any serious investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy, is indeed expert at putting the lid on "conspiracy theories."

Norway wants U.S. to arrest eco-terrorist

The Norwegian Foreign Department is demanding that the United States arrest ecological terrorist Paul Watson, the leader of the Sea Shepherd's group, which on Jan. 22 sought to sink a Norwegian whaling vessel, the *Senet*. "Sabotage, bordering on terror-

ism" was how the Foreign Department characterized the action. Watson, a Canadian, is based in California.

The ship was saved in the nick of time by firefighters, according to the Swedish daily *Svenska Dagbladet* of Jan. 25.

Watson has told Norwegian radio that Norway must expect more acts of sabotage. "Norway has resumed its whaling in spite of the moratorium which the International Whaling Commission has introduced," he said. "We will attack the murder ships in order to push up the costs for insurance and security such that whaling will yield no profit." Watson calls the Norwegian whalers "blond apes" and "monsters."

According to a Sea Shepherd press release, "The attack was organized by Lisa Distefano, 30, the director of Sea Shepherd's Oceanic Research and Conservation Action Force (Orcaforce). The *Senet* was scuttled by Orcaforce field agents trained in underwater demolition. The ship was sunk at dockside. There were no crew members on board. The agents left a Sea Shepherd calling card on the ship to verify our actions."

Watson, a former leader of Greenpeace, says he intends to continue his terror attacks against Norway and other whaling nations. Sea Shepherd is raising funds to purchase an old Soviet submarine from Russia, which they intend to use in their actions.

Zhirinovsky predicts 'inferno' in Central Asia

There will be 20 or 30 years of war in Afghanistan, and then the people of the region will beg Russia to bring peace, Russian Third Rome ideologue Vladimir Zhirinovsky declared in an interview with the geopolitical quarterly *Limes*. "Limes" refers to the ancient Roman walls which were supposed to protect the empire from barbarian invasions.

"The entire region will go under," Zhirinovsky said. "Iran, Turkey, Afghanistan will intervene, and there will be an inferno comparable to that in Lebanon or Northern

Ireland. And then, 20 or 30 years later, they will beg with tears in their eyes that Russia please show a way out—primarily at the level of psychology. From Moscow we can make sure that these military operations cease. Knowing the strength of Russian industry and the might of the Russian Army will bring all that to an end. The international community will beg us, but only if they pay us for that, we'll stop the catastrophe, for sure."

As for the Transcaucasus, Zhirinovsky said, "We don't want these territories, there are only criminals, no reasonable economy and no chances for Russia to make profits. Iran may take over Azerbaijan; Armenia and Georgia will fall to Turkey. These states have never been independent."

Zhirinovsky also declared that Estonia will become part of Russia, along with Belarus, eastern Ukraine, Moldova, and Slovakia. As for Kazakhstan, it "has never been an independent state, it belongs to Russia."

Pro-Russian President takes office in Belarus

The new President of the Parliament of Belarus, Mechislaw Grib, 57, a former Soviet police general, pledged on Jan. 28 in his speech accepting the position, that his most important goal is maintaining "a close relationship with Russia at all levels." Grib was voted in that day to replace deposed President Stanislav Shushkevich, who had tried to prevent the country's reunification with Russia. That reunification is now virtually a *fait accompli*.

Grib made it plain what the coup was about that overthrew Shushkevich on Jan. 26. He emphasized that Belarus places "special hopes on a friendly and close relationship with Russia." He said that he would implement Belarus's entry into the Russian-led Economic Union and the Community of Independent States' defense pact. Beyond that, he will turn over control of Belarus's financial and economic policy to Moscow, when Belarus enters into a currency union with Russia in February.

Briefly

● **ARTURO FRONDI**ZI, the former President of Argentina, described the release from prison of Lyndon LaRouche as a sign of hope for the world, in a commentary in the first issue of the new Argentine weekly *Punto Critico* in February. He hailed "my friend the American economist Lyndon LaRouche, with whom I am united by similar thinking and agreement that development is the new name for peace."

● **ISRAELI** police have arrested Israeli mafia man Sami Flatto-Sharon on charges of fraud. He is known as a key money-man behind Likud hardliner Ariel Sharon, the Gush Emunim, the Kach movement, and the settlers' movement, now in open revolt against the Israel-PLO accord.

● **ANDREI KOZYREV**, the Russian foreign minister, told *Newsweek* in an interview in February that Russian troops will not leave Latvia and Estonia. He charged that these countries are forcing thousands of Russians to leave, adding: "I call that ethnic cleansing." Using this pretext, he said that Russian troops would have to remain to "protect" the civilians.

● **IRAN** has been directing Islamic extremist groups in Turkey since 1983, claim the two leading newspapers of Turkey, *Cumhuriyet* and *Milliyet*. According to UPI, the papers draw their facts from a "leaked report prepared by Turkish security officials." The report also suggests that Iran supported Armenian terrorists who made attacks inside Turkey and against diplomats abroad.

● **THE RUSSIAN-KAZAKH** confrontation could quickly supersede the Russia-Ukraine-Crimea front in volatility and international strategic importance, wrote the French daily *Libération's* senior commentator Jacques Amaric on Feb. 2. Kazakhstan has very rich reserves of gas and oil, and a 38% Russian population.