

try have been paralyzed, due to FARC threats that any transport vehicle—be it cargo or passenger—will be shot off the roads.

The FARC itself has issued a communiqué calling on “all of Latin America to rise up in solidarity with Colombia’s combatants” and against “Yankee imperialism.” Conditions for just such a narco-terrorist “Tet Offensive” are quickly ripening in places like Bolivia and Peru, where the coca-growers are already mobilized into militias by the drug cartels and Shining Path narco-terrorists; or in Brazil, where the so-called Landless Movement (MST) is escalating its bloody provocations; or in Venezuela, where efforts to destabilize the Caldera government are being coordinated between the country’s drug bankers and the MBR-200 underground movement coordinated by retired Army colonel Hugo Chávez.

That’s no lady!

The common mother of all these forces is the Fidel Castrol São Paulo Forum, a terrorist umbrella group for Central and South America, tied especially into British and French circles promoting “indigenist” and “environmental” rights. More than 100 member organizations of the São Paulo Forum met in El Salvador in late July, including representatives from most of the terrorist and pro-terrorist organizations named above. Facilitating that conclave was the former French first

lady Danielle Mitterrand, a notorious terrorist sympathizer who shuttled between countries organizing financing and transport for the delegates.

The Forum meeting was followed the next week by an international gathering in Chiapas, Mexico, hosted by the Zapatista National Liberation Front, again with the support of Mitterrand, and including many of the same figures. The sudden emergence of the EPR terrorists in Mexico, and the dramatic escalation of FARC narco-terrorism in Colombia, in the aftermath of these meetings, represent a serious and continent-wide insurgency, timed to exploit the deepening misery of the Ibero-American population under the free-market dictates of the International Monetary Fund.

Mexico is one of the most vulnerable targets of such a scenario, because of the free-trade looting of that country under the former Carlos Salinas de Gortari government, and the consequent bankruptcy of the economy following the December 1994 peso meltdown. And yet, Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo told a Presidential summit meeting in Cochabamba, Bolivia on Sept. 3, that the problem of poverty in Ibero-America is due to “resistance to democracy and the free-market”! The refusal of governments like Mexico’s—and that of the United States—to recognize, and remedy, such vulnerability, can only play into the hands of the narco-terrorist enemy.

The FARC Cartel

On Aug. 21, Colombian Army commander Gen. Harold Bedoya Pizarro gave a press conference in Bogotá to present a new book, shown here. Written by a member of his staff, Maj. Luis Alberto Villamarín, *The FARC Cartel* documents the FARC’s current role as Colombia’s most dangerous narcotics cartel, which General Bedoya characterized as “the worst threat to our democracy and our institutions. We want our friends to recognize and understand this, and collaborate in this vast fight in which we are engaged.” General Bedoya described the book as a first



step in presenting the truth, “to organize, materialize, and document the specter of the nightmarish criminal organization which is murdering our future.”

Bedoya challenged Colombians—and the corrupt Samper administration—on the issue of whether the nation-state can survive such an onslaught. “Can these groups be defeated? Can narco-terrorism be isolated and destroyed? Yes, absolutely yes, as long as the strategic balance leans toward the state’s *moral* component.” Make no mistake, Bedoya warned: “In Colombia a group of mafiosos disguised as a political insurgency intends to carry out the robbery of the century, the illegal appropriation of an entire State, through violent blackmail and illicit enrichment.”

The foreword to the new book concludes: “This thesis is an analytic proposal, informing public opinion of the threat to republican stability represented by a subversive group moving boldly within the drug market. The FARC Cartel is a criminal group with terrorist capacity, and thanks to drug traffic, it has achieved a strong economic position, and this is important in modern war. What were previously suppositions and subjective appraisals, have turned out to be an objective reality that can be verified and measured. This reality hovers as a new threat of total war, where all shades of criminals will profit.”