

stepped up its campaign against the newly elected Nigerian leader. The Presidency had been under severe pressure from these global financial robber barons to cut all subsidies, especially in the petroleum sector, and all indications are that the unilateral decision to raise fuel prices by 50% was one of the unwritten prerequisites demanded by the IMF and World Bank for obtaining a \$1 billion loan, that they have been dangling in front of the President since before he took office. This has been part and parcel of their “globalization” campaign throughout the developing sector, for deregulation, privatization, and the elimination of subsidies.

Enter Summers on Behalf of the Banks

After being unable to enter Nigeria because of the strike, U.S. Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers finally spoke in Abuja, the nation’s capital, on June 12, to let President Obasanjo know that, if Nigeria wants relief from its \$31 billion debt, it will have to adopt the stringent conditionalities of the IMF and World Bank. According to Summers, the United States would support “generous” debt relief from the Paris Club of creditors, if Nigeria made “significant progress on meaningful economic and financial reforms under the appropriate arrangements with the IMF and the World Bank.” In other words, he delivered an ultimatum: The Nigerian nation must cease any resistance to “globalization,” “deregulation,” and “privatization” by the “market forces,” if Nigeria wants to get minimal relief from its crippling foreign debt.

The Nigerian people made clear that they cannot absorb any more economic hardships; the fuel price hike was simply too much. President Obasanjo miscalculated badly, but has he learned from this bitter lesson? He cannot court the favors of the IMF, World Bank, Summers, and Western investors by implementing draconian austerity policies that will gouge the already meager economic existence of the population, and at the same time represent the real interests of Nigerians.

There is still a feeling of good will toward the administration, which is reflected in a statement by NLC President Oshiomhole. “President Obasanjo has good intentions for the country but his advisers are insincere,” Oshiomole said.

However, as long as the Nigerian President foolishly believes that Nigeria must prostrate itself before the Western banking establishment to win their “favors,” Obasanjo will unwittingly, or not, help create the conditions for further destabilizations of Nigeria, and a possible coup. As Lyndon LaRouche has often said, in this period, when the entire global financial and monetary system is in the process of blowing out, patriotic leaders committed to securing the welfare of their citizens must decide what side they are on: that of the people, or that of the banks. The people of Nigeria are hopeful that President Obasanjo makes the right choice.

NED Demands: Fox Must Win in Mexico

On July 2, Mexico will hold general elections to choose its next President, Governor of Mexico City, and other critical posts. The current front-runner, according to most polls, is the candidate of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), Francisco Labastida, who has a small but growing margin over the National Action Party’s (PAN) Vicente Fox.

But the U.S. National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and its army of associated international non-governmental organizations which are deployed by London and Wall Street, will have none of it. As far as they are concerned, if their man Fox doesn’t win, “it ain’t democracy.” And they are hotly deployed to impose their will, much as they were in the case of Peru’s elections earlier this spring, where they unsuccessfully tried to topple the government of President Alberto Fujimori.

As in Peru, their objective is to shatter the national institutions and carve up its territory, the better to impose a Colombia-style “narco-republic.” And, in a virtual replay of the approach taken in Peru, the international media are now intensifying their drumbeat about the “corrupt” and “anachronistic” ruling PRI party, predicting its defeat in the July 2 elections. The polls inside Mexico, however, reveal that PRI candidate Labastida is likely to win, an event which is slated to trigger cries of “fraud” by the same “impartial” international observer missions which had tried to force the popular Fujimori to yield up his victory in Peru.

Soros and the Pro-Drug Push

Although Fox has been careful not to take a public stance on drug legalization, he is surrounded by advisers and backers who have done precisely that. One is influential PAN leader Fernando Canales Clariond, Governor of Nuevo León state bordering the United States. Another is Jorge Castañeda, erstwhile “leftist” and theoretician for Fidel Castro’s São Paulo Forum, who today serves as one of Fox’s top campaign advisers — and controllers. Indeed, Castañeda serves a similar purpose in the Fox campaign that Diego García Sayán, another outspoken drug legalization proponent, does with defeated opposition Presidential candidate Alejandro Toledo in Peru. So important is Castañeda to Fox, that the PAN candidate brought his adviser along on a March 2000 visit to the halls of power in Washington, D.C.

In its Sept. 6, 1999 edition, *Newsweek International* published a guest commentary by Castañeda, which is lifted straight from the script of George Soros’s drug legalization team at the Open Society Institute (OSI): “The time is

uniquely propitious for a wide-ranging debate between North and Latin Americans on this absurd war [on drugs] that no one really wants to wage. . . . Such a debate should start with a cold-blooded evaluation of what has worked and what has failed. . . . Legalization of certain substances may be the only way to bring prices down, and doing so may be the only remedy to some of the worst aspects of the drug plague: violence, corruption, and the collapse of the rule of law.”

Two months later, Castañeda signed an open letter drafted jointly by the OSI’s Lindesmith Center (which runs Soros’s dope-legalization campaigns) and an OSI asset, the Washington Office on Latin America, denouncing military prosecution of the war on drugs and demanding “a total change of policy,” including abandoning “the domestic focus dominated by criminalization.”

The Ibero-American Solidarity Movement (MSIA) in Mexico, the LaRouche co-thinker group in that country, is currently circulating a leaflet which not only denounces this plan to “Colombianize” Mexico, but which also charges that the globalization mafia intends to impose “rightist” Fox in the Presidency, while imposing “leftist” Andrés Manuel López Obrador (of the Democratic Revolutionary Party) in the post of Mexico City Governor—widely considered the second most powerful post in the country.

We reprint below excerpts from the two sections of that pamphlet, which is now circulating in the hundreds of thousands in Mexico, backed up by tours of the country by members of the MSIA’s National Executive Committee.

The Foreign Money Spigot into Mexico’s Elections

The following article is circulating in Mexico, as part of an Ibero-American Solidarity Movement pamphlet:

The international globalist mafia is intervening massively in the electoral process, with the goal of installing Vicente Fox (Alliance for Change) in the Presidency, and Andrés Manuel López Obrador (Alliance for Mexico) as governor of the nation’s capital, which his Democratic Revolutionary Party (PRD) has misgoverned for the past three years.

This paradoxical scenario—after all, it is said that Fox is the “right,” and López Obrador, the “left”—stems from the fact that the London-run international financial oligarchy, bent on destroying the sovereign nation-state, seeks to deliver the *coup d’grâs* to what might remain of the patriotic and nationalist resistance within the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI). Their first aim, was to impose the compulsive liar Fox, as the single candidate of the failed National

Opposition Alliance. When that approach failed, the old and new agents of the U.S. National Endowment for Democracy (NED), of the Inter-American Dialogue, of mega-speculator George Soros, and of the Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia, were deployed out of the two main opposition fronts, the Alliance for Change and the Alliance for Mexico. The narco-democratic networks of the São Paulo Forum are deployed behind López Obrador.

Those networks are working overtime to ensure that if they do not win at the polls, no one will win. As in the case of Peru, the globalist drug-legalization mafia is poisoning the process with the line that “democracy is when the PRI loses.” If the PRI wins, as is highly probable, they will charge “fraud!,” and begin escalating violence in which there will be no winners or losers, but the institutions and the nation itself will be thrown into civil war.

To their cries of “We’ve already won,” and “We are not going to permit them to snatch it away from us,” Fox and his adviser Jorge Castañeda, erstwhile theoretician for Fidel Castro’s São Paulo Forum, added the line that it is international bodies which will decide if the elections are clean, and, like true gangsters, they are calling for civil disobedience before the elections. They seek to replace Truth and the law, by *vox populi*: lies and plunder.

The NED and Inter-American Dialogue’s Boys

The existence of dozens of so-called citizens’ groups dedicated to democracy, would be impossible without the hundreds of thousands of dollars poured in by the NED, to weave that dense network of agents encrusted in the national political process. For almost two decades, a true nazi-communist network has been financed, a network dedicated to “getting the PRI out of *Los Pinos*” (the Presidential residence), to the benefit of the globalization mafia.

Figure 1 outlines the connections among the “right” and the “left,” directed from the Inter-American Dialogue, the NED, Soros, agents of the genocidal International Monetary Fund, and the São Paulo Forum, that are at the service of the globalist mafia’s offensive to legalize drugs and dismantle the sovereign nation-state.

First, the ubiquitous **Mariclaire Acosta Urquidi** is one of oldest and most active agents in the network. A member of the Dialogue, she provides her services to the **Carter Center**, receives funding from the NED, participates in the mobilization for the legalization of drugs which Soros finances through his **Lindesmith Center**, and heads the **Mexican Commission for the Defense and Promotion of Human Rights**, which serves as a “national” facade.

The **Council for Democracy** of the PAN’s **Julio Faesler**, through which Porfirio Muñoz Ledo, Ricardo Valero, and Castañeda—currently singers in Fox’s chorus—also benefit from NED funds.

The **Citizen’s Movement for Democracy**, also financed