

get 250,000 legal visas, then for the country as a whole it's good," one of Fox's advisers told the *Journal*.

The interests running Fox have like-minded plans for U.S. citizens, as well. On May 5 of this year, the *Houston Chronicle* published an article by the New York Council on Foreign Relations's Walter Russell Mead, outlining steps to deepen NAFTA. One of his proposals, for "Medicare transportability," is outright Hitlerian. Mead proposes, that to cheapen U.S. Medicare costs over the next decades, the U.S. and Mexican governments should reach an agreement under which "millions" of retired Americans would be driven into Mexico—where costs are low because its people have been sold into slavery under NAFTA—as a "cheap and relatively easy" way to cut costs.

Not So Quick, There

Talk is one thing; it is another to implement such policies. There is an element of bluff in these proclamations that the proud nation of Mexico is soon to find itself ripped to pieces. With the global financial system nearing terminal blow-out, Wall Street hopes they can terrify Mexicans into capitulating without a fight, before they have time to regroup, and rally to join the nations acting to defend themselves. Although Fox seeks to co-govern now, he is not to be inaugurated until Dec. 1.

Fox's problem, is that he was elected not so much out of support for his program, but by deep hatred for the very economic program which he now proposes to intensify. The voters who swept the PRI out of office came largely from the urban middle class and new young voters, not allied to any political machine. They turned against the PRI as the party which for 12 years had implemented NAFTA, which destroyed Mexican agriculture, replaced the country's already-limited industrial manufacturing base with *maquiladoras*, drove tens of millions of the middle class into bankruptcy and poverty, and tens of millions of already-poor into outright starvation.

Sixteen million Mexicans voted for Fox (42.6% of the turn-out), but 18.5 million people voted for the PRI and for Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas's Democratic Revolutionary Party (PRD) combined. The PRI received 36% of the vote; the PRD, 16.6%. And, while Fox's "Alliance for Change" coalition (formed by the PAN and the small Mexican Green Party) won a majority of the seats in the Mexican Chamber of Deputies, and won the two governorships that were up for re-election (Morelos, and Fox's home state of Guanajuato), the PRI held on to the largest share of the Senate seats (60), and the PRI still governs 21 of the 31 Mexican states.

The PRD is preparing itself to capture the leadership of the left-wing forces for that right-left battle which it would hope to see explode in the country. The big question is, what will become of the PRI? Leadership changes and maybe even a split are likely, following its beating at the polls, but reports of its death are certainly premature.

The fundamental divide within PRI ranks during its past

18 years of backing International Monetary Fund policies, has been the battle between the technocrats, who argue, like Fox, that finance capital rules the world, and so-called "dinosaurs," as the nationalists in the PRI who believe in national economics and real constituency politics are known. Recognizing that "the fate of President-elect Vicente Fox's ambitious reform program hinges on the future of the defeated PRI," according to the July 10 *Wall Street Journal*, Wall Street is concentrating its attention—and undoubtedly, some of its money—on who wins the battle now raging between those two factions.

Given that a straight technocrat takeover of the PRI remains politically difficult, Wall Street is promoting the ascension of Roberto Madrazo, the Governor of the state of Tabasco, as an acceptable new PRI head. Although Madrazo parades as a "dinosaur," he has long been known as a key operative of the filthy Carlos Salinas machine.

Others, such as former Puebla Governor Manuel Bartlett, have called upon nationalists in the PRI to block a drive by "economic groups" with big money, to seize control of the party. The PRI "lost its moorings" when it bought into the idea that neo-liberal, free trade economics was the only option, Bartlett stated in several prominent interviews following the Fox victory. This was "an epidemic. . . . International bodies like the IMF, were pressuring all the countries to follow." He dismissed the "lynching environment" against the PRI, as driven by the fact that "the PRI is an obstacle, because it has been a nationalist party." The only way it can preserve its historic force now, Bartlett is saying, is for it now to put itself forward as the *opposition* to Fox.

A Wolf in Fox's Clothing: The Reelection of Carlos Salinas in Mexico

The following statement was released by the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement (MSIA).

Vicente Fox's election victory on July 2, confirms that the final phase of Salinism has begun. The idea of "change" is a cruel joke with which Fox's candidacy was sold to a population tired of the neo-liberal, free trade policies imposed by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank. With the "democracy" party over, his economic and political program remains as the purest continuation of Salinism. In fact, this is nothing less than the reelection of the most despised former President of Mexico, Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

A full one-quarter of the Mexican electorate voted for Fox, of the National Action Party (PAN). They voted for the executioner of all those who swallowed the "Fox populi"

myth, just like the Roman proletariat at the Circus Maximus, who lowered their thumbs in favor of the lions and against the Christians. In the Mexican circus, with Fox in power, there will be no bread, but lots of circus.

It is ironic that Mexico ushers in the election victory of Fox, the candidate of Wall Street and the City of London, at precisely the moment that the disintegration of the international financial system is accelerating, and the opposition to globalism from various nations across the planet, is growing. Just as U.S. Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche has forecast, we are in a phase characterized by hyperinflation (of asset prices, more than of consumer goods), which immediately augurs a total disintegration of the system, just as occurred in Weimar Germany in 1923. Entire regions are distancing themselves from neo-liberal globalism: Asia is moving toward the Asian Monetary Fund, Malaysia expelled the speculators; Europe is taking some steps, however timid, to try to extricate itself. And around the world, including in the United States, growing forces are calling for a New Bretton Woods system, as proposed by LaRouche.

In this context, Fox's election is like Mexico having just acquired a second-class cabin on the sinking financial *Titanic*.

Wall Street Is Ecstatic

For the moment, Wall Street is ecstatic. Fox is the man they have chosen to do what neither Salinas de Gortari, nor President Ernesto Zedillo, managed to do: take the economic policies of the past 12 years, to the extreme of treason.

Fox's mission, which his bosses in the globalist mafia have assigned him, will now begin: to do away with the Republic, demolish the institutions, sell off the national patrimony, surrender national sovereignty, dismember the national territory, annihilate the Armed Forces, dollarize the economy within a continental free-trade agreement, and promote drug legalization—in short, to turn Mexico into a narco-republique.

The Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) was ousted as punishment for its submission to an IMF-World Bank dictatorship that has, under the governments of Salinas de Gortari and Zedillo, subjected Mexico to the most savage usury. These are the same globalist policies that have favored speculation and usury, to the detriment and destruction of industry, food production, and productive employment.

The drama of the past two decades is summarized by the fact that Mexico paid its 1980 foreign debt three times over, in interest charges alone, and yet today *we owe four times the amount of that 1980 debt!* This is perverse arithmetic. Herein lies the explanation for the theft, the looting, and the fact that more than half of all Mexicans are today living in conditions of poverty. This usury of Wall Street and the City of London, is the mother of all corruption.

While it is true that former President Miguel de la Madrid began the turn toward neo-liberalism, it was Salinas de Gortari who led the neo-liberal assault, with economic shock programs and the dismantling of national institutions.

The 1994-95 bankruptcy of the national banking system, the direct result of the bankruptcy of the economic policy itself, was not enough to cause Zedillo to abandon that policy. He followed the same guidelines throughout his mandate, whose most aberrant expression was Fobaproa, which not only did *not* reactivate a productive credit policy, but which asphyxiated the government's own ability to dictate a policy of economic recovery.

The PRI lost the election, because it refused to break, clearly and emphatically, with these policies. Like Faust, it made a pact with the devil of Salinism. And now, not just the PRI, but all of Mexico, must pay the price for its stupidity and cowardice.

Fox To Finish the Job

The dangerous businessman's pragmatism that Fox wants to impose as his philosophy of government—"My style of government will be entrepreneurial," he told foreign reporters—endangers the very existence of the nation-state.

On the pretext of providing security for foreign investment, Fox accepts each and every dictate of the IMF-World Bank globalist mafia. He shamelessly declares, "A country which does not submit to the rules of the financial markets, is a country that will pay the price." James Baker III, former Treasury Secretary and Secretary of State in the Reagan and Bush Administrations, travelled to Mexico as an "election observer," where he expressed his confidence that Fox will guarantee "a greater opening to foreign capital, new privatizations, and greater decentralization." Fox will also meet Wall Street's other demands:

1. "Fascism with a democratic face": the same ultraliberal economic model that the "Chicago Boys" imposed on Pinochet's Chile, and which now returns with a "democratic" veneer.

- a. Dollarization, which is the surrender of monetary sovereignty, as an aspect of total integration with the U.S. economy. This is part of the old "Project of the Americas," of Henry Kissinger and his Trilateral Commission.

- b. A tax reform with the intent of eliminating oil income from the government budget, and using it instead to pay the country's foreign debt. Simultaneously, the population would be more and more impoverished through a worsening tax squeeze.

- c. "Guarantees and more guarantees" to international investors, followed by the privatization of the Federal Electricity Commission, as a prelude to the ultimate looting scheme, the privatization of Pemex.

- d. Through "managerial" methods, they would even privatize the government: Fox has announced that he has hired five international firms to help him recruit members of his cabinet and other government officials.

- e. Fox is so imbued with Salinism that he is already talking about bringing back Salinas's ineffable and powerful Finance Minister, Pedro Aspe, and the former assistant director of the Banco de México, Francisco Gil Díaz. There is also talk about

keeping in the Fox government such Salinistas as Luis Tellez Huenzler, Herminio Blanco, and José Angel Gurría, all proven servants of the globalist mafia. Not to mention Salinas's Brazilian friend Roberto Mangabeira, who already holds an important position among Fox's advisers.

2. On matters of public security, Fox announced the creation of a super-ministry of Security and Justice, withdrawing those functions from both the Government Ministry and the Attorney General's office. Fox wants a frightening "FBI," probably organized by the "untouchable" U.S. FBI, which would strip Mexico's political authorities of responsibility for public safety.

a. Fox also has on his agenda a pompous "Transparency Commission," set up by the World Bank through Transparency International, and responsible for carrying out an "anti-corruption" circus. This is the chosen method for getting rid of political enemies, while at the same time distracting the population from the implementation of economic measures, even more painful and cruel than those in place. The circus and the war will begin shortly, directed against nationalist forces both inside and outside the PRI, and in particular against the Armed Forces for supposed "human rights violations," as has been successfully carried out in Argentina, Colombia, and elsewhere.

3. The Chiapas case: weaken the Armed Forces and legalize drugs.

a. Fox has sent messages seeking to renew negotiations with the Zapatista National Liberation Army (EZLN), and is already granting its conditions: "We can accept the Larrainzar agreements," and "I can withdraw the Army." This represents in effect the Mexican edition of Colombian President Andrés Pastrana's policy, which has been to remove the military from entire regions of the country, to surrender them to the narco-terrorist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and National Liberation Army (ELN), which have cost the country a river of blood. With this "peace policy," Pastrana has only succeeded in separating out entire chunks of Colombian territory, which have been turned into "coca republics" run by armed bands and financed by the drug trade.

The threat that this policy poses, can be seen in the most recent developments in Colombia, where representatives of 21 foreign governments met in the FARC-controlled "demilitarized zone," to pledge support and funds for the supposed "manual eradication" of coca and poppy plants, and for "crop substitution." Also under consideration is giving the narco-terrorists more funds, in exchange for the promise to stop their policy of extortion and kidnapping! This can only serve the objective of drug legalization, which the FARC itself has explicitly proposed.

The election of the Democratic Revolutionary Party (PRD) in the Federal District (Mexico City) is a key component of this political scenario for the country. Like Fox, the PRD represents pure "New Age" and globalism, only from the "left" instead of the "right."

b. Apart from the promise to surrender Chiapas, Fox says that he will subject the Mexican Armed Forces to "redefinitions in order to adapt to a globalized world, and to the times in which the country is living." In other words, implement the globalist campaign to annihilate the Armed Forces, guarantors of national sovereignty.

c. To finish off Mexico's federal pact, not only does Fox insist that he will give "financial and political autonomy to the states and townships" so that they can freely participate in the global market, but at the same time, he promises to erase national borders, through his proposal for full and total integration with the United States.

d. Among the products that will freely circulate in "globalized" North America, will be narcotics. It is no accident that Jorge G. Castañeda, one of Fox's main advisers and possibly foreign minister in his government, has repeatedly declared in favor of drug legalization. And Fernando Canales Clariond, PAN Governor of Nuevo León, has not been the least bit shy in backing the proposal, which is also the main demand of megaspeculator George Soros, the "messiah" of democracy in Ibero-America.

Sovereign Nation-State vs. Tyranny of World Government

The interpretation that somehow Fox's victory represents the incarnation of 21st century "conservatism," in opposition to modern "liberalism," is an extremely dangerous construct, designed by the international financial oligarchy centered in London. Also dangerous is the idea of restaging a new fratricidal "Cristero War," like the one which wreaked such havoc with the country in the 1920s and 1930s.

A division between supposed "Masons" (PRD and certain sectors of the PRI) and supposed "Cristeros" (PAN and other sectors of the PRI), is already being encouraged from several sides. Amalia García, leader of the PRD, told the July 2 *New York Times*, that the battle is about to begin between the corrupt and reactionary forces (read, linked to the Catholic Church) on the Fox side, and the liberals and progressives (read, anti-clerics) of the PRD. Fox tried to pass himself off as a Cristero during his electoral campaign. Evoking such a scenario could plunge the country into a new civil war. That is the apparent intent of the globalist mafia, the same oligarchy out to dismantle the nation-state and to conserve the international tyranny of free trade, through "democratic" bread and circuses.

The Anglo-American puppet-masters know that the only way they can impose these measures is under conditions of civil war, like what Mexico suffered repeatedly in the 19th century, and in the 1920s and 1930s. This is the old Venetian tactic of manipulating patriots on both sides of a fraudulent dividing line between "clerics and anti-clerics," to bury them in a fratricidal war, precisely as Venice achieved during the terrible religious wars in Europe of the 16th and 17th centuries.

Fox-ism is dangerous, not because it is “conservative,” but because it is globalist. It is premised on the pagan “New Age” doctrine of hedonistic radical liberalism. Thus, the support for Fox by such prominent “leftist” liberals as Castañeda and Adolfo Aguilar Zinser, submissive servants of liberal economics who defend drug legalization and abortion.

The current situation can only be understood in the context of the contest between a decadent and disintegrating globalist faction on the one side, which is moving aggressively to impose supranational financial, political, and institutional mechanisms, and the patriots who oppose them, on the other side.

Dismembering the Republic

Our true battle today is the defense and development of the nation-state against globalization, the enemy of national sovereignty. This means, on the international front, fighting—as if it were life or death, because it is—for the New Bretton Woods, which Lyndon LaRouche has proposed.

On the national front, we must return to being nation-builders, and join in a great patriotic alliance with all forces which, no matter their religion, want to build up Mexico and defend it from the globalizing predators.

If this be “nostalgia,” as President Zedillo once charged, then we confess that, yes, we are “nostalgic”—for food, housing, energy, infrastructure, and productive jobs.

Camp David Summit: Last Chance for Mideast Peace

by Jeffrey Steinberg

President Clinton began intense closed-door meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat at Camp David on July 11, in an effort to craft a final agreement for peace between Israel and a future Palestinian state.

Barak’s arrival at the Maryland retreat was delayed several hours, as he faced a no-confidence vote in the Israeli Knesset (parliament). Barak won the vote when opposition parties, and defectors from his ruling coalition, failed to get the 61 votes needed to bring down the government and, in effect, freeze the peace process. Just a day before the Camp David summit began, three parties left the coalition government, ostensibly over concerns that Barak would make extravagant concessions to Arafat at Camp David.

The National Religious Party, the Russian émigré party of “refusenik” Natan Sharansky, and the Shas Party quit the coalition, after they failed to control Barak’s negotiating position at the summit. Foreign Minister David Levy, while not leaving the government, did announce that he would boycott the Camp David meeting, to express his concern that Barak might go too far in concessions to Arafat.

Sharansky, once the darling of the international human rights apparatus, has played a particularly disgusting role in the efforts to halt the peace process. He issued a dissenting report on Barak’s planned land concessions on May 30, which was picked up by the Zionist Organization of America, one of the more rabid of the right-wing outfits within the American Jewish establishment. And, he has repeatedly called for Barak to form a national unity government with Ariel Sharon’s Likud bloc, a move also aimed at sabotaging any final resolution of the negotiations. Sharon, the “butcher of Lebanon,” has been on record for decades asserting that “Jordan is Palestine,” and that all the Palestinians should be forcibly expelled across the Jordan River.

All this maneuvering reflects the fact that the political institutions in Israel, as well as the powerful Zionist Lobby in the United States, are divided over whether to go ahead with the peace deal. Also, right-wing members of the U.S. Zionist Lobby, aligned with George W. Bush, fear that a Camp David breakthrough would be used by President Clinton to boost the sagging Gore campaign. So, they are mobilized to block the summit from succeeding.

Before leaving Israel for Camp David, Prime Minister Barak went on national television to remind the political mis-

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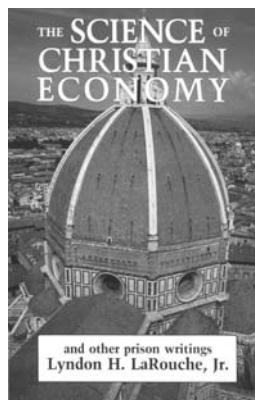
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