

Sharon's war plan is coordinated with his backers in the Bush Administration, the U.S. Congress, and Washington policy circles. Not only are these forces trying to isolate and punish the Palestinians, but they are also starting to pressure Lebanon, and going so far as to re-ignite a civil war between that country's Christians and Muslims. The April 12 *Jerusalem Post* reported that the State Department is threatening to hold back \$35 million in financial aid unless the Lebanese government deploys troops along its border with Israel. This is backed by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), who, as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, is the primary proponent of blocking the aid. The Bush Administration is also considering a veto of a desperately needed bailout package which Lebanon is seeking from the International Monetary Fund to help pay off its \$24 billion debt.

Settlements Continue To Expand

In only weeks after coming to power, Sharon has tremendously expanded the settlements. The figure of 700 cited above is a gross understatement of the reality. Foreign Minister Peres' assertion that they do not constitute new settlements, but represent "natural growth," is a bald-faced lie, since 20,000 housing units in the settlements remain unsold. According to the Israel Lands Administration, the ministry sold plots for 2,800 homes in the West Bank during 2000. This year they plan to increase that by 78%, despite the fact that Israeli contractors are reluctant to build in the West Bank because of lack of demand.

Although there are 120,000 settlers in the West Bank and Gaza, they occupy an area that is equal to that inhabited by 3 million Palestinians. Seven thousand Israeli settlers occupy one-third of the Gaza Strip.

The latest Israeli moves have provoked an international outcry. On April 6, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights passed a resolution 48-2 (only the U.S. and Guatemala voted against), supporting the establishment of a Palestinian state based on the right to self-determination. The resolution followed a debate and finding that Israel was using force disproportionate to the threat posed to it. According to the committee chair, John Dugard, the attacks against Israel was perpetrated by individuals and "sparsely organized" forces, while Israel has attacked with very superior military forces.

Furthermore, the European Union officially denounced the announcement of 700 units, saying that "all settlements are illegal" and stand in the way of a peace agreement.

The key to stopping Sharon, is to end the Bush Administration's backing for it. A senior leader of Israel's peace camp told *EIR* that the only way to stop Sharon, is for the United States to drop its support. Once that occurs, others will come forward, as Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin did in 1992, before he was murdered, and renew the effort for peace.

Peru Presidential Vote Was Actually Rigged This Time—By Terror

by Gretchen Small

Sometime in May, Peruvians will choose either the "indigenist" economist from Harvard University, Alejandro Toledo or former President Alan García as their next President. The two were the top vote-getters in the April 8 first round of elections. Toledo won 36.5% of the vote; García garnered 26%, barely beating out the other major contender for second place, Lourdes Flores Nando, who ran as a centrist, business-oriented candidate and took 24% of the vote. The rest of the vote split between other, minor candidates.

The winner will not enjoy a majority in the Congress, as no party won a majority of the Congressional seats.

Poison from Harvard, or from Paris?

There is little difference between the two Presidential candidates, in either mind-set or policy.

Toledo, a proud product of the Berkeley, California 1968 counterculture, espouses a deadly combination of a rigid free market commitment and a social policy derived from the existentialist "politics of rage" of deschooler Paulo Freire, et al. Though a former World Bank official and member of Jeffrey Sachs' team at the Harvard Institute for International Development. Toledo ran a racist campaign, claiming he represents the Indian population, because of his blood and his Belgian anthropologist wife, Eliane Karp, a racist Inca-dinca-doo in her own right.

Toledo was made into a Presidential contender during the elections of 2000 by Project Democracy's international forces, the which sought to use his carefully cultivated "indigenist shoe-shine boy" profile to defeat President Alberto Fujimori, running for a third term. They failed in 2000, as Toledo's campaign staff—loaded with drug-legalizers and known terrorist supporters—and the candidate's radical, mob-promoting rhetoric scared off Peruvians, who feared any return to the conditions of life which they suffered in the decade of terrorism which preceded President Fujimori's government.

García, also, is a left-wing demagogue now espousing free trade doctrine. A member of the British intelligence-created APRA party, García was President from 1985-90.

After an initial fight with the International Monetary Fund, which included limiting Peru's debt payments to 10% of its export earnings, García turned Peru over to the drug trade and terrorism. He legalized the drug dollars; helped top MRTA terrorist buddies walk out of jail; told APRA youth they should admire, as he did, the "messianic drive" of Shining Path killers; and he refused to let the Peruvian military act against terrorism. Viewed, rightly, as responsible for bringing Peru to the brink of disintegration, he was reviled by the end of his term, and sought exile after leaving office. He spent most of his exile years in Paris, hanging out with the Socialist International, and the likes of would-be Zapatista *comandante*, Danielle Mitterrand, the widow of France's former President.

García made it amply clear in 2001, that he is willing to do whatever is required, to win over some of Toledo's international backing from Wall Street and their non-governmental organization (NGO) apparatus. As capital flight accelerated out of Peru after the first round electoral results, García called in reporters on April 10 to issue assurances to investors that he would *never* implement exchange controls, and will hand the Central Bank over to a non-Aprista technocrat. My big mistake when President the first time, he pled, was to believe in a strong state role in the economy.

Voting So Your Head Doesn't Roll

The usual foreign observers, led by the ubiquitous Jimmy Carter, gave their stamp of approval to the honesty and transparency of this election.

Vote stealing may not have occurred, but the election was rigged in the very holding of it. Only last year, a majority of Peruvians returned Fujimori to the Presidency for a *five-year term*. But Fujimori's re-election was unacceptable to Peru's international enemies. Economic warfare, diplomatic brutality, and nasty intelligence operations, whose full scope is yet to be known, were deployed against the country. In November 2000, Fujimori was overthrown, and a transitional government, handpicked by a couple of U.S. Assistant Secretaries of State, was installed, heavily staffed by Toledo's former campaign staff.

In the five months leading into the election, the transitional government headed up a witchhunt designed to annihilate the Fujimori-led civilian-military coalition which saved Peru from disintegration under narco-terrorism. Anyone and everyone who led the fight against narco-terrorism, is now considered a criminal; hundreds are under investigation, and one by one, they are being jailed, some charged with corruption, others with human rights violations, drugs—whatever can be concocted.

Heading up the reign of terror, is Toledo's former campaign manager, the vindictive George Soros toady and drug legalization activist, Diego García Sayán, installed as Justice Minister by Madeleine Albright's State Department and the

Organization of American States.

The combination of triumphalism, and remaining fear of their enemies, guiding the assault on the Fujimori forces, was enunciated by Sofía Macher, head of the National Human Rights Coordination, in Berlin on March 8. Peru's Armed Forces have been "crushed by a defeat equivalent to that suffered by the Argentines in the Malvinas Islands," in 1982; eight generals are in jail, and their leadership is in disarray, Macher crowed. A "Truth Commission" to investigate military "crimes" during the war against narco-terrorism must now be created, by the interim government. If the job of finishing off the military is not accomplished *before* the next government takes office on July 28, she argued, it may never be done.

Any Charge Will Do . . .

The Army is the principal target. By the end of March, the number of jailed generals had risen to ten, several carted off in handcuffs while the television cameras rolled. When two generals were arrested in early-morning raids on March 24, Ecuador's *El Comercio* headlined the news: "Witchhunt Intensifies."

The most significant arrest occurred April 5, when the former head of the Armed Forces' Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Nicolás Hermoza, was detained by officers of the Judicial Police, and locked up in Lima's San Jorge jail for common criminals. Film shots of the arrest of this national hero, known as "the Victorious General" for his commanding role in saving Peru from disintegration, were broadcast on national television.

After President Alberto Fujimori, General Hermoza is the second national figure who most has to be destroyed, if Peru is to be crushed. His arrest delivers a message to the armed forces of all of Ibero-America, as well. He understood narco-terrorism as a foreign-run instrument of irregular warfare against the nation-state, and, as the architect of a successful military strategy against it, he demonstrated that victory was possible.

With utter brazenness, the government has charged Hermoza with drug-trafficking, based on testimony of a drug-trafficker whom he had captured and jailed, Demetrio Chávez Penaherrera, alias "El Vaticano." This is the revenge of the drug mob, indeed: the chief prosecutor, José Ugaz, the Justice Ministry's Robespierre who ordered the arrest, Diego García Sayán, and the foreign-owned Prime Minister overseeing it all, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, are all advocates of drug legalization who signed George Soros's infamous 1998 open letter calling for an end to the war on drugs, internationally.

Shining Path's chief, Abimael Guzmán, is probably still laughing away in his soon-to-be-opened jail cell.

The arrests are not limited to the military. The former editor of Peru's prominent daily, *Expreso*, Eduardo Calmell

de Solar, was the latest media figure to be jailed. The highly respected journalist Patricio Ricketts, a friend of Lyndon LaRouche's, and familiar to readers of this magazine for his outspoken defense of national sovereignty, has also been fingered as a "Fujimori man," and García Sayán's Justice Ministry is reported to have opened an investigation against him for "influence peddling." Others of those in the media who defended the Fujimori government, have begged for plea-bargains, in hopes of avoiding jail.

Mobs have been deployed to back up the Justice Ministry's terror. On March 6, an open-air mass given by Msgr. Juan Luis Cipriani, newly named Cardinal of Lima, was disrupted by protesters who pelted him with tomatoes and eggs, shouting that Cipriani was corrupt, "an accomplice of the dictatorship," and, even, an "assassin." A week later, Congresswoman Luz Salgado, an outspoken leader for the Fujimori camp in the Congress for years, warned that she and others who fought against terrorism are being set up for assassination, being labelled "assassins of political prisoners." Salgado, who refuses to bow before the terrorists, or their protectors in the interim government, was re-elected to Congress on April 14.

Fighting Terrorism = 'Genocide'

In their desperate drive to ensure that no one in Peru ever rises up again to defend the country, the foreign-run interim government has abandoned any pretense that its actions are other than revenge for the Fujimori government's crushing of the terrorists. And they want Fujimori's head, too.

Their drive is so extreme, that the charge of genocide is being concocted against former President Fujimori, General Hermoza, former intelligence chiefs Gen. Julio Salazar Monroe (another of those jailed), and Vladimiro Montesinos (hiding somewhere in exile), and the soldiers who risked their lives to rescue the 72 hostages held for more than four months by the MRTA at the Japanese Ambassador's Lima residence in 1997.

The Peruvian Army's spectacularly successful April 1997 rescue, was recognized around the world, for being the most successful anti-terrorist action in 30 years. None of the hostages died in the rescue; two officers gave their lives while protecting hostages from terrorist fire. All of the terrorists were killed in the operation. Yet, based on allegations only now being made—five years later!—by one of the Japanese hostages, the charge is being levelled that one or more of the MRTA terrorists were "illegally executed" during the rescue, rather than killed in combat. Justice Minister García Sayán ordered the bodies of the MRTA terrorists exhumed, to develop evidence for this charge.

García Sayán and other Peruvian government officials argue that, since "illegal execution" is a crime against humanity, the rescue could be declared a case of genocide, and those involved in the rescue, starting with Fujimori, could be tried in any country in the world.

The Workers Party and 'Viva Rio' Are Threats to Brazil's National Security

by Silvia Palacios and Lorenzo Carrasco

The naming of Brazilian sociologist Luiz Eduardo Soares as adviser on citizen security to Tarso Genro, the Workers Party (PT)-affiliated Mayor of Pôrto Alegre, the capital of the state of Rio Grande do Sul, sealed the alliance between the PT and the primary structure of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Brazil. Behind this are two processes of strategic significance for Brazil:

First, reinforcement of the PT's ties with the world globalist apparatus, as part of the campaign by an important sector of the international financial oligarchy to promote the PT's Presidential candidate, Luís Inácio "Lula" da Silva, in the 2002 national elections. In this sense, it is worth noting the interview in the Feb. 28 issue of *Veja* magazine with British historian Kennedy Maxwell, head of a task force at the New York Council on Foreign Relations, on the policies the George W. Bush government should follow toward the Western Hemisphere. In a discussion about Lula's chances of winning, Maxwell stated: "I think that his candidacy wouldn't be a problem for the U.S. He has already gone to the U.S. a number of times, he knows a lot of American leaders, inside and outside the trade union area, so I doubt very much he would adopt a preconceived policy regarding the U.S."

Second, to achieve the restructuring of the entire nation's public security forces. In this, Soares's background is most relevant.

'Citizen Security'

Soares's affiliation with the PT derives from the fact that he is one of the most important members of the NGO "Viva Rio" movement, which was founded as a conglomerate of organizations of the so-called Third Sector (i.e., the NGO sector), under the sponsorship of the Anglo-American Establishment's most powerful groups in Brazil.

The Viva Rio movement was born at a Nov. 17, 1993 seminar held in Rio de Janeiro, whose star speaker was David Rockefeller, and in which other representatives of the oligarchy participated, such as communications magnate Roberto Marinho of the *O Globo* network, and spokesmen of several establishment foundations, including Brascan and Kellogg.

Later, the leadership of this movement split in two: Some of its leaders were deployed to seize control of public security