

‘Peru: Under Toledo, Sendero Will Take Power’

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The above headline was carried on the cover of *EIR*’s Spanish-language edition, *Resumen Ejecutivo*, in April 2000, precisely three years ago, and was intended as both a forecast and a warning. Today, we repeat that headline, tragically, as news.

At that time, Lyndon LaRouche and this magazine warned that, should Alejandro Toledo—Wall Street and the U.S. State Department’s man—win the Presidential elections in Peru, the Shining Path (*Sendero Luminoso*) narco-terrorists would not be long in taking power. Today, developments are proving us right. Peru is rapidly returning to a situation of insecurity as serious as that in the early 1990s, when organized narco-terrorism announced that it had “achieved a strategic balance” with the state’s defense forces. Only today, the nation is much more fragile than it was a decade ago, and its Armed Forces are on the verge of disappearing altogether. So, Peruvians are facing the bitter reality that their ten years of hard battle with the forces of terrorism may have been fought in vain.

They are also facing the undeniable fact that all of this is essentially the result of U.S. interventionism—in particular, that of the U.S. State Department and Wall Street’s bankers. It was Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, in the final days of the Clinton Administration, who organized the coup d’état against President Alberto Fujimori, and who then imposed a government, through the Organization of American States (OAS), which brought into power with it the Peruvian servants of drug legalizer and international financial speculator George Soros.

This situation was made worse under the George W. Bush Administration. It was with his blessing that President Toledo handed control over Peruvian security and intelligence to a group of drug legalization advocates, headed by Fernando Rospiglioso—until recently, Toledo’s Government Minister—who closed his eyes to the advance of narco-terrorism. It is sheer cynicism, that the Bush Administration is now lamenting the advance of narco-terrorism in Peru; Washington is reaping what it has sown.

Coca Army Advances

In February, there were a series of huge mobilizations by coca-growing farmers, who blocked the most important highways in the interior of the country, and who paralyzed all

activity in major areas of the south and center of Peru. The coca-growers, known as *cocaleros*, then threatened a march of more than 35,000 to Lima. These developments opened the eyes of many Peruvians to the truth, that the country has degenerated to levels of insecurity comparable to a decade ago, before President Fujimori’s successful crackdown on Shining Path.

At the peak of their strength, in the early 1990s, Shining Path and the Tupac Amaru (MRTA) guerrillas verged on 5,000 armed men, but the majority of them were ultimately captured and imprisoned under Fujimori. Today, that situation has changed: Although the Toledo government hides the true statistics, it is estimated that more than 2,000 terrorists have already been released from the prisons, because they have either completed their sentences or have been amnestied.

Even more serious is the fact that, recently, nearly 500 narco-terrorists were freed under appeals based on a ruling of Peru’s Constitutional Court, the nation’s highest jurisdictional body, which in turn endorsed a decision of the Inter-American Human Rights Court of the OAS—a gaggle of pro-terrorist jurists—which annulled *all* the military trials which had sentenced MRTA and Shining Path terrorists during the previous decade!

Based on this ruling, which completely violated national



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sovereignty, the more than 2,000 terrorists who remain in Peru's jails are now awaiting new trials, and/or imminent release. They have also been granted privileges such as telephones and unrestricted visits, and they even control operations inside some prisons, such as the high-security Yanamayo Prison. From these "trenches" and with total impunity, Abimael Guzmán and other imprisoned terrorist leaders are overseeing the reconstruction of their organizations—and are now able to count on help from the Colombian Revolutionary Armed Forces (FARC) and other organized drug cartels.

Months ago, the Peruvian press was reporting that the FARC and other narco-terrorist organizations were massively recruiting Peruvian youth in the coca-growing areas of the country, paying a stipend of \$100 per month to their families.

Police intelligence reports that have been leaked to the press, speak of 14 coca-growing areas in Peru, all of them now fortified by armed bands. The extension of coca plantations, which by the end of the Fujimori government had been reduced to 34,000 hectares (from 135,000 in 1992), today surpasses 60,000 hectares, as estimated by Peru's Center for the Prevention of Drugs. The Bush government, in an attempt to hide this scandal, officially acknowledges a figure of only 37,000 hectares under coca cultivation.

General Miyashiro, the current head of the Dircote, Peru's anti-terrorism police, recently charged that Shining Path and MRTA have managed to rebuild the legal and logistical framework for their illegal activities. In fact, according to the general, these organizations have succeeded in creating their own front-groups, with fully registered legal status, which among other things, raise funds for their activities, both at home and abroad. These narco-terrorist organizations have even had the luxury, as occurred in early February, of holding mass meetings in Lima itself, with full police protection, where they shouted "*Vivas!*" to the armed struggle and to Shining Path leader Abimael Guzmán.

Ethnic Insurgency

Another kind of armed band, with direct ties to the *cocaleros*, has also appeared. Especially dangerous are the "*ethno-caceristas*" of Ollanta Humala and his family. This group, which we dubbed since its appearance in 2001 "the new Shining Path," adheres to the racist ideology created at the Sorbonne in Paris, and spread in Peru and Bolivia through the French Institute of Andean Studies. Humala's *ethno-caceristas* have become the *cocaleros*' shock troops in the Ene and Apurímac valleys, in particular. It is reported that their militants, primarily jobless former Army privates, burn the Peruvian flag before each action, and raise in its place the alleged "rainbow flag" of the Inca Empire. The invention that this flag was also the flag of the Incas, was created by French anthropologists in the 1960s. As far as can be scientifically ascertained, the Incas never had the European notion of national flags.

Even more stunning is the fact that, on direct orders from

Toledo's wife Eliane Karp—a Belgian anthropologist and ex-Trotskyist—the alleged Incan rainbow flag is currently flown alongside the Peruvian national flag atop the Presidential palace in Lima! Further, the Toledo government sent Ollanta Humala, leader of the *ethno-caceristas*, to France as military attaché to the Peruvian Embassy there. Humala was re-admitted into the Peruvian Army, on government orders, after he had been discharged for his pathetic uprising in October 2000.

Resurrected narco-terrorism in Peru has the support, as well, of political figures who can be directly linked to the "armed struggle." The most notorious case is that of Yehude Simons, a terrorist who was freed from jail and who today serves as governor of the province of Lambayeque. But the current Congress is not far behind in its support for this narco-terrorist resurgence. The Congress is controlled by a coalition which includes: the Perú Posible party (founded by George Soros); the Moralizing Independent Front, of Peru's "Mussolini" Fernando Olivera; and the left, headed by Javier Díez Canseco, Peruvian agent of the São Paulo Forum. In November 2001, this Congress approved a law rejecting the 1961 Vienna Convention, which identified the coca-leaf as "a narcotic, and its chewing as an addiction." Another law currently under debate, presented by Congressman Michael "Evo" Martínez, would legalize coca crops. The old dream of the drug cartels is about to become reality in Peru.

And Without the Armed Forces

Perhaps the most serious situation of all, for the security of Peru, is that the nation's defense institutions today are cornered, and as things are going, will soon disappear. The transition government imposed by the OAS after Fujimori's ouster, with the puppet Valentín Paniagua as President, and the current government of Toledo, property of George Soros, have had a consistent policy of destroying the Peruvian Armed Forces.

This policy, dictated by globalist circles such as the Woodrow Wilson Institute, the American University, and the Inter-American Dialogue—all in Washington—has decapitated the leadership of the Peruvian military through a campaign of so-called "moralization." This program for the "restructuring and modernization" of Peru's Armed Forces, has meant the elimination of its operational capabilities. Today, the Peruvian Army is reduced to a shadow of its former self: It has no budget to speak of, not even to pay for electricity at the General Headquarters. An allotment of 50¢ has been made for the daily meals for recruits. Without ammunition, weapons, and personnel, wide swathes of the nation have been effectively abandoned to the enemy. The country's former military leaders, so effective in the war against narco-terrorism, are now sitting in jail on trumped-up charges of corruption and human rights violations.

U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and the "chicken-hawks" in Washington are saying that these "lawless zones" will have to be controlled with foreign troops.