

U.S. must end support for the fascist PAN

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Mexico, our fatherland, has traditionally been a peaceful nation. We never assaulted any country, but we have been the victim of treacherous aggressions, adventurist appetites, and even of the loss of a large part of our territory. Mexico has stoically endeavored to change itself into a nation which respects others, in hope of being itself respected.

It could be said that our country began its reconstruction in 1917, the year in which the Mexican Revolution brought forth an excellent and wise constitution, a model of social aspirations and democratic goals. Mexico has not been searching for its destiny for long, but its noble and legitimate aspirations are today seriously threatened by the intervention of foreign perfidy, which, not satisfied with economic subjugation, seeks total possession of our country.

On these precedents, I, in my role as president of the Anti-PAN Popular Front, come before this international forum to protest the open and shameless intervention my country has had from U.S. Ambassador John Gavin, who surprisingly has Mexican roots. In fact, the defiant and arrogant attitude of the United States ambassador to Mexico is unmatched, in the view of the diplomatic corps in Mexico City. Although there have been other U.S. ambassadors with harmful plans, those ambassadors knew how to display an image of non-interference in the internal affairs of our country.

During the past two years, top officers of the U.S. embassy have met at least three times with representatives of the Sonora oligarchy to conspire and launch a plot to assure the victory of PAN leader Adalberto Rosas Lopez, in the race for governor of Sonora, the state which borders on Arizona, during the coming 1985 elections.

To give an idea of what this means, I suggest that these meetings are the same as if the U.S. ambassador in Iran had exhibited himself in the streets of Teheran embracing the Ayatollah Khomeini at the beginning of the destabilization of the Shah's regime. The Mexican people have clearly interpreted Gavin's signals: The United States has given the green light to destabilizing Mexico and has decided to employ the National Action Party (PAN) as its battering ram.



Mario Vázquez at the Schiller Institute conference.

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The State Department and the PAN

The PAN was founded in Mexico in 1939 as an explicit reaction against the oil nationalization decreed in 1938 by President Lazaro Cardenas. Even today, National Action representatives place a reversal of the valiant decision of Cardenas near the top of their economic and political program. They would hand over Pemex [Mexico's national oil company—ed.] to frontmen for foreigners. National Action was inspired by Nazi-fascist ideology, and it still is. That's the kind of ideas it propagandizes. For example, José Angel Conchello, the renowned PAN ideologue, explicitly advocates the economic model of Hitler's minister, Hjalmar Schacht, in several of his books. I quote him: "Mexico's economic program needs the ideas of a great banker, Hjalmar Schacht, chief of German banking during Hitler's empire. We need to invest physical labor to create capital. . . ." And this is the very same José Angel Conchello who was a guest of honor at the recent Republican Party convention in Dallas!

We do not know if President Ronald Reagan knows about this. Does President Reagan know that while he is preoccupied with Nicaragua, the State Department finances, promotes, and supports a party which has an active alliance with the ultra-left in Mexico? The Nicaragua reference is not only ironic. Support for National Action in the northern part of Mexico and threats of a U.S. invasion of Central America are seen by Mexico as a "pincer operation." While conditions are provoked for a civil war on Mexico's northern border, the southern border smells of the possibility for a new Vietnam in Central America. We also know that the State Department's tactics do not exclude other kinds of infiltration and operations which help PANism.

For example, the U.S. press, which is read daily by Mexican businessmen, "predicts" that the PAN will win, eight months before the elections. In particular, it predicts

without a blush that the PAN will win in the state of Sonora, where I live, a state which, having played a major role in the Mexican Revolution and now being the greatest food-growing state, has considerable political importance.

That same press and State Department have devoted themselves to propagating the lie that "Mexico is going communist." Every time my country has taken measures to slow the bloodletting from capital flight, speculation, and usury, the "communist" label is pinned on us. The truth is that Mexico's political system operates under different postulates from the false "left-right" geometry. We follow postulates of social justice and democracy which have served to keep the peace and progress of our country.

Now that this is threatened, we came to this respectable forum not only to give our solidarity to our brother countries of Africa, India, and the Central and South American peoples. We also came to alert the generous people of the United States, whose spirit is illuminated by Abraham Lincoln. We came to ask the labor organizations of this powerful country and the entire U.S. community to support us so that, to symbolize an improvement of relations between Mexico and the United States, John Gavin is removed as ambassador.

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Not only for the shameful job he has been doing in Mexico. He also harms the U.S. people and a great number of its children and youth. When he connives with the National Action Party, he is supporting the apparatus of the narcotics traffic, which is an intimate ally of the PAN. Suffice it to recall that in offering his support to PAN's Adalberto Rosas for the governorship of Sonora, a famous trafficker declared that drug use had to be avoided inside Mexico, but marijuana-growing should be encouraged for export, to pay the debt with the income, so that foreign kids would be the ones to poison themselves. That's what he said.

Precisely on this point, one begins to ask: Why does a party like the Republican Party, which carried Ronald Reagan to victory, ally with the National Action Party with its fascist ideology, when the people and government of the United States gave their lives and blood to defeat Hitler's murderous hordes? Ronald Reagan and the American people have their chance to respond, and history will tell the rest.

What Argentina's nationalists want

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I would like to offer certain brief reflections at this time with the intention of opening up a richer and more profound dialogue in the future. Before I go into these, however, I believe it appropriate to first underscore certain facts that historically characterize my country, Argentina.

1) In the 1950s, when the Gloster Meteor VII was the newest-generation interceptor produced by Great Britain (maximum velocity ± 0.76 ; maximum range in profile high-high-high ± 700 km; it did not have an ejectable seat); a prototype arrow wing developed and produced in Cordoba, the "Pulqui II," successfully carried out test flights (maximum velocity ± 0.80 ; maximum range ± 1.400 km; ejectable seat).

2) Argentina has more than one scientist awarded with the Nobel Prize.

3) In 1983, with our own scientists and our own methodology, we succeeded in mastering the technology of uranium enrichment.

4) Argentina is potentially a nation with no problems and with extensive possibilities for energy and food export.

These facts allow us to conclude that Argentina possesses all of the necessary and essential elements for being a developed country. We have:

1) necessary and sufficient gray matter;

2) necessary and sufficient potential capacity for production of food, energy and basic products;

3) sufficiently skilled labor power.

Despite this, today in 1984, for both internal and external reasons, Argentina is a country with a debt of nearly \$50 billion, approaching a three-digit inflation rate, with an economy in recession.

Within this context of undeniable deterioration, it is worth noting one socially important characteristic: the organized labor movement in Argentina has been, since the middle of the 1940s, an effective and combative deterrent to Marxism. Observe that the economic proposals that this organization has made to the government and the private sector—today when Marxist ideas have begun to intensify their campaign