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## Peruvian unionist denied visa, sends greetings

*. . . From Juan Rebaza Carpio, general secretary of the Unified Union of Fishery Workers of Lima.*

It is with profound sorrow that I am not present at this historic conference. It is because the U.S. embassy in Lima, Peru, arbitrarily denied me a visa to enter the United States. . . . Denying me a visa requested explicitly to attend the Schiller Institute conference is for me nothing but proof that inside the U.S. administration there are people opposed to friendly collaboration between the United States and Ibero-America to build together a new world economic order. . . . Officials like these, who serve the interests of Kissinger and his bosses and institutions like the IMF, work together to destroy the material bases of our republics and undermine our republican and Western identity. . . .

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## The 'Americanist spirit' can reverse the crisis

*From the policy paper by Raúl Drueta, parliamentary deputy from Argentina's Partido Justicialista, the Peronist party.*

I was specially invited to speak at this international conference and will be doing so in my own name. I proudly affirm here not only the Argentine identity, but also the Americanist spirit forged over decades of history of the nations of this great continent.

I bring the contribution of the Justicialist doctrine, whose creed was initiated by General Perón, not only for America, but for all humanity, as a way of helping find the truth to illuminate a more fortunate future with full justice and freedom for the nations and people of the world. . . .

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## Panamanian labor leader hits IMF's austerity

*From the policy paper by Eduardo Enrique Ríos Molinar, secretary general of the Construction Workers' Union (Sun-*

*trac) of Panama.*

. . . We hold that the resistance of a few countries to that [austerity] policy which we workers of Panama and other Latin American countries oppose today, shows that the IMF and World Bank will have to reconsider their postures and try to understand the defective origins of these countries' debts and remove the noose from around their necks, letting them have a moratorium; to either implement genuine aid policies toward the Latin American countries or run the risk of having them as enemies.

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## Argentine industrialist: Expose the Trilaterals!

*From the speech by Dr. Alejandro Romulo Yaccarino, chairman of the Argentinian Economic Confederation.*

. . . The critics of the nation-state proclaim: To finish off the "obsolete" concept of the nation-state, we must act in various ways by inventing agencies with limited objectives and leaders elected case by case, thereby we will go on eating away national sovereignty piece by piece until we have finished it off. . . . I put forward as a concrete proposal the creation of a commission to investigate the Trilateral Commission in Latin America. That way we shall see clearly the destructive operations, the social-economic chaos, toward which they wish to lead us. . . .

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## IMF conditions wrecked the Colombian economy

*From the speech by Jorge Carrillo Rojas, vice-president of the Colombian Workers' Union and president of its Bogota section.*

. . . Allow me to speak of the case of Colombia. . . . Through the application of Friedmanite recipes, credits were cut and salaries restricted. Interest rates in the unofficial credit markets are above 50% annually. In this environment of speculation, healthy businesses began to go bankrupt and industrial and agriculture production collapsed, at the same time that unemployment rates reached 15%. This situation provoked enormous capital flight; international lending agencies cut credits to the country and the International Monetary Fund publicly demanded the application of harsh austerity. . . .