

Qaddafi devil cultists captured as South Americans begin crackdown

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Members of a satanic cult which worships Libya's Colonel Qaddafi as its "Messiah," are being arrested, charged with running drugs, and with kidnapping, molesting, and brainwashing children, in a police sweep against the "Children of God" cult in Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru.

In Peru, the crackdown against the Children of God has opened a new flank in the war against the narcotics economy which had seized control of the country. Political leaders and officials of the Catholic Church have now joined forces in a crusade against the entire spectrum of gnostic, irrationalist cults which blossomed during the past decade.

Dope, Inc., EIR's groundbreaking book on the narcotics cartel, argues that international narco-terrorism is organized on the basis of the satanic cults, of which the vaunted "crime families" are merely extensions. EIR's contention was demonstrated in the case of Colombia, where it was the godfather of the dope mafia, Alfonso López Michelsen, who, during his term as President, legalized the Gnostic Church which established the M-19 narco-terrorists as their private army. Now, with the Children of God, the same principle of operation has been established.

Freedom of religion will be respected, Peruvian Justice Minister Luis Gonzáles Posada promised on Jan. 15, but "religion" cannot be a cover for crime. "If it is proven that members of a cult are responsible for crimes, they will be sanctioned with the full weight of the law." An authentic witchhunt has begun. The cult crackdown is no "Peruvian" matter. What is now unfolding in South America is the counter-offensive against the forces of pagan imperialist evil, begun by the Vatican at the recent Extraordinary Synod.

One week before the Synod opened, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, head of the Catholic Church's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (once the feared Holy Office), publicly charged the Rockefeller family with financing the promotion of "other Christians" in Ibero-America, to undermine and replace the region's dominant Catholic morality.

The Peruvian judicial investigations and police actions against the gnostic cults, are beginning to produce the needed court evidence for international prosecution of the criminal underworld of cults, narcotics, and "free enterprise."

Child sacrifice

The first crack in the "Children of God" network, operating also as the "Messengers of God," came on Dec. 31, when Colombian police raided a house in Bucaramanga run by the "Messengers of God," freeing a 17-year-old Peruvian girl who had been captured by the cult. Ten members arrested in the raid were found to be of various nationalities, including Colombians, Ecuadorians, Chileans, Paraguayans, and Spaniards. A simultaneous raid was carried out by police in Quito, Ecuador, and raids immediately followed in Peru.

Newborn babies are used as the centerpiece of the cult's clandestine rites, Colombian authorities report. Older children are also captured, given drugs, and forced to participate in orgies, Peruvian police found when they raided the cult's luxurious house in a neighborhood of Lima on Jan. 10. Six children were found in the house, along with cult literature depicting Biblical figures fornicating, accompanied by exhortations on how such acts are the correct path to "know" God.

The Peruvian girl freed in Colombia was so brainwashed that she did not recognize her father when she was brought back home. Peruvian police are now searching for some 2,000 children reported missing in the past year, believed captured by the cult.

The cult's centered its activity in Peru in the prime drug-production areas, investigators found. The cult was found to have just established an "ant-styled" drug-trafficking route in Cuzco, Peru. International "tours" to visit old Incan ruins were organized, offering rituals dedicated to Halley's Comet, hyped as a "heavenly sign" that the world is coming to an end. Each participant was then given a small amount of cocaine by the "priests," to carry back to his country of origin.

From Qaddafi to Belaúnde

Cult founder David Brandt Berg began as a fundamentalist preacher in the 1960s, first operating as a minister in Luis Palau's Missionary Alliance. He began the Children of God in 1968, in the cult-spawning center of southern California. Like other gnostic cultists, Berg warned all but his "chosen"

would soon die in the great Apocalypse, to occur after 1989, and probably in the year 1993. Berg's world was Manichean: When the reign of God is restored, Satan, too, will live again.

In 1970, Berg went to Israel and applied for citizenship, claiming he contained some "Jewish blood." It was after that, that Berg turned pro-Arab.

Charges of child molestation and kidnapping against the Children of God go back to at least 1972, when an attempt by a number of U.S. parents to rescue lost children resulted in a public scandal. Nor were their ties to Qaddafi, which one U.S. book reports go back to 1973, kept secret. Qaddafi considers the Children of God "the new prophets," while he is viewed as "one of God's chosen ones," sometimes called "Godhafi," a mutual admiration aided by financial support from Libya. In 1980, Qaddafi built a spiritual center to honor his "Children of God."

None of that stopped the government of Belaúnde Terry from legalizing the Messengers of God in the 1980s. President Belaúnde Terry not only legalized the cult, but his ministry of economics included the cult on the list of "non-profit associations," to which private business could make tax-free contributions. Lima daily *El Nacional* reported on Jan. 15. *El Nacional's* front-page exposé said that investigations by the attorney general had discovered that several high-level officials of the last government participated in meetings held at the just-raided Lima house of the sect!

A second article in *El Nacional*, on Jan. 16, revealed that a cult called "The Heavenly Dimension" operated out of the National Palace during the Belaúnde administration, in which President Belaúnde, his wife, his wife's brother, and various cabinet ministers took part. The President regularly called upon members of the cult for advice in "confused" political situations, *El Nacional* states, cautioning only that "the Heavenly Dimension" differed from the "Messengers of God" in its practices, but an overlap in membership between the two cults has not been ruled out.

Among the "other Christians" promoted by Belaúnde was the American "king of television preachers," Rev. Jimmy Swaggart, a former gambler "born again" with the desire to become a multi-millionaire through marketing of a carnival style of "preaching" and "country-rock gospel" records. Swaggart had been thrown off several U.S. television stations, because of his violent anti-Semitism and diatribes against the Catholic Church, but under Belaúnde, Swaggart came personally to Peru—often to preach in English—and was allowed hours of television time for his "message."

Preachers of voodoo economics

Swaggart belongs to the kook wing of the Republican Party known for its worship of the "Invisible Hand" and "the magic of the marketplace." Any country which adopted the "free enterprise" model promoted by this crowd in the past period, such as Belaúnde's Peru and Edward Seaga's Jamaica, became an area of operation for Swaggart. Here econom-

ics and satanic "morality" come together, producing in the case of Jamaica the concept, "voodoo economics." The government of Seaga, a former voodoo priest, has been promoted internationally as the economic "model" of development by David Rockefeller.

The economic policies of Seaga and Belaúnde were similar. Seaga's first economic measure was to legalize the flow of drug-monies through Jamaica, as he personally announced, bring your money in, "no questions asked!" In Peru, it was the same ministry of economics, of Rockefeller ally Manuel Ulloa, which provided Qaddafi's drug-running cult "tax-exempt status" and rammed through legislation allowing foreign monies to enter Peru, no questions asked—and guaranteed free of prosecution!

Swaggart returned to Peru Jan. 12, to tell Peruvians to prepare to accept the coming end of the world. Before 50,000 people in Lima's stadium, Swaggart thundered, "There will soon be illness, pestilence, war and death. That's what God told me, and I have said that it's fine that that happens so that everything is in its place," Swaggart raved. This time, the government of Alan García did not receive him with open arms. Warning that Swaggart was planning his return to Peru the Lima daily *Hoy*, known to be close to Peru's justice minister, called upon the government to curb the proliferation of cults "whose sole goal is the recruitment of fanatic proselytizers," in a Jan. 8 editorial. Such pseudo-religious cults are characterized by a hatred of humanity, science, medicine, and education, another article in *Hoy* explained, which cited the Hare Krishnas; the Tradition, Family and Property sect; and Reverend Moon and his CAUSA group, as examples of this irrationalism.

Political and Church reaction to the reappearance of Swaggart makes clear Cardinal Ratzinger's charge against the Rockefellers has not been relegated to the academic world. "Sects and Colonialism" was the title *Hoy* gave its editorial on Swaggart and the cults. Another daily, *La Cronica*, called Swaggart a "false prophet . . . who lives like a king," and noted that the former Louisiana gambler has a physical resemblance to "Nelson Rockefeller."

Swaggart is one of a number "of illuminati, charlatans, and mentally ill who are fooling the people," Bishop Luciano Metzinger, president of the Catholic National Social Media Commission, warned. The Bishop urged people to remain calm, confident that those who use God's name to predict catastrophes are "twisting the spirit and content of the teachings of Jesus." Bishop Metzinger has given full support to the government's crackdown against the Children of God. Before Swaggart's arrival, the bishop gave a Jan. 8 interview warning that such sects as the Mahi Kari, Seventh Day Adventists, and others, work to impose "passivity" upon their members, so that their leaders are substituted for God.

Will they burn witches in South America? *EIR* cannot predict the answer. but we do recommend that advocates of "Voodoo Economics" think twice before traveling there.