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Moscow's terrorists seek coup in Peru

The Communist Party is now openly backing the narco-terrorist armies which are winning ground in Peru.

Through its Peruvian Communist Party (PCP), Moscow is mobilizing all its assets to provoke a bloody coup against the government of President Alan García and then make South America into another Central America.

The PCP Central Committee announced after the party's Congress ended June 3, that it now recognizes the genocidal Shining Path (Sendero Luminoso) and Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA) terrorists as "political organizations." While embracing the terrorists, the Communists concluded that President García's government is "in the process of fascistization."

Right after the PCP Congress, Alfonso Barrantes Lingán, a moderate Marxist, was forced to resign from the presidency of the United Left coalition, leaving it under the direct control of PCP President Jorge del Prado. It was evident to all that Barrantes was an obstacle to Moscow's plans. Barrantes had been an obstacle to the assault on Peru's Christian civilization from pro-terrorist factions of the coalition. Barrantes said in his resignation speech: "Terrorism—says John Paul II—is never justified in civil society; it is a sophisticated return to barbarism and anarchism; it is always a manifestation of hatred."

Del Prado, Moscow's aging whore and head of both the PCP and the United Left (IU), proclaimed at a June 5 press conference: "We do not condemn armed struggle; we can conceive that at a given moment, we could throw ourselves onto that path." He said that the Shining Path "is a political movement risen up in arms, which employs direct terrorist actions. We admire and cultivate its spirit of sacrifice, but we do not agree with them," since their tactics are not the most correct ones at this time.

Del Prado charged the García government "has entered into an alliance with the Pentagonist military, seeking to apply the counterinsurgency strategy designed by imperialism." He announced the IU front would probably embrace new terrorist fronts like UDP-People on the March, so long as they adhered to its program. The head of that group publicly thanked del Prado for the invitation, but refused it.

The narco-terrorist hordes temporarily "liberated" territory in Peru's core coca-leaf growing region, the Upper Huallaga Valley. Over the past months, the mercenary armies and coca-growing peasant militias created by the drug traffickers have joined forces with Shining Path and MRTA terrorists to chase mayors, prosecutors, and judges out of the region. On June 2, a superbly armed contingent of 300 men struck as Shining Path's "Popular Guerrilla Army" against the police station in the town of Uchiza, killing six policemen and four civilians, and destroying the post. It was reported that 40 of the narco-terrorists died during the six-hour firefight.

A propaganda campaign in the press sought to preserve the myth that political terrorists are not in alliance with narcotics traffickers. Everything

that occurred at Uchiza explodes that myth. The paramilitary attackers rallied around cries of opposition to García's anti-drug war, Operation Condor, and of veneration for the Shining Path guru, "Comrade Gonzalo." A police brigade recaptured the town two days later, but it took a full-scale army invasion personally planned by García to secure it.

This criminal offensive was part of a plan to put the García government in check on every front. While terrorists are killing policemen, pro-terrorist press organs are promoting another police strike for June 19, the first anniversary of the uprising of terrorist prisoners in three Lima prisons.

Shining Path mouthpiece El Nue-vo Diario published on June 9 a statement, allegedly from policemen in the north of the country, warning the justice minister, "If you want blood, we will all shed blood. You should keep in mind we are all masters in all kinds of automatic and light arms and artillery and that we have plenty of it at our disposal." The statement exhorted enlisted men from the Army to join the police rebellion.

The number-two Communist Party leader, Gustavo Espinoza, gloated on television that the way things were going, the García regime could end in "surprising" ways before the 1990 elections, e.g., by a military coup that communist agitators would help bring on.

Washington will not lift a finger to help stabilize Peru because Wall Street also wants García overthrown. U.S. State Department strategists now admit that Moscow is behind the Shining Path, but the "clever" fools argue that the Soviets oppose a right-wing military coup. The terrorist UDP, however, believes that García's overthrow would throw the masses to the terrorists and open prospects for Communist victory in a bloody civil war.

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