

on Tariffs and Trade), which is one of President Bush's key objectives, and which was one of the central agreements of the recent Group of Seven meeting in London.

In their final statement, the Ibero-American leaders also support another aim of Bush and the British, in declaring that "the United Nations' Conference on the Environment and Development constitutes a unique opportunity to broaden international cooperation for development, and to reverse the global process of the degradation of nature."

While their people are dying from hunger and disease, Ibero-America's rulers shamelessly declare in point 18 that "in the face of poverty, war, intolerance, hunger, disease, environmental degradation and ignorance, we propose a new culture of international cooperation as the only way to a just and stable world."

More infamy

Measured by the press coverage and the statements of the participants, the Guadalajara summit was a brazen display of shamelessness, of egoism, and of inflamed self-praise.

Alberto Fujimori of Peru, whose country is destroyed by

cholera and by the narco-terrorism of Shining Path, blamed the region's underdevelopment on "the absurd policy of earmarking a large portion of our scarce resources to military expenses. . . . The arms race is the main enemy of our people's development."

Carlos Menem of Argentina dared to praise George Bush's Enterprise for the Americas initiative.

Carlos Salinas of Mexico said that "the population dynamic, a challenge of quantity, diminishes our efforts such that the crisis leaves us as an added legacy a reduction in the quality of what has already been built up by previous generations."

Fernando Collor de Mello of Brazil outshone the others with a photographic exposition that he presented in the hotel where he was hosted: 54 full-color photographs, all of himself in different poses.

Carlos Andrés Pérez of Venezuela limited himself to sticking his nose into everyone else's conversations, and to insisting on the disappearance of the concept of national sovereignty through "a revision of the old and anachronistic formulas of the first principles of international relations."

'Ibero-American Presidents guilty of genocide'

"Ibero-American heads of state, who are meeting mid-July in Guadalajara, Mexico, boast that this is the first time the Presidents of the region have met together without the U.S. government being present. But why need there be an official representative of Washington present, if all these rulers are nothing more than puppets and servants of the White House?" asks the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement (MSI) in a leaflet which was circulated from Mexico to South America during the summit.

Entitled "They Brought Us Cholera. Do They Think They Can Get Away with It? Ibero-America's Presidents, Guilty of Genocide," the leaflet charges that "on orders of their boss, George Bush, these heads of state—who exchange smiles, embraces, and speeches in the name of democracy—have committed hideous crimes against humanity." It warns: "Everything indicates that they will discuss how to continue the annihilation of our nations to satisfy the desires of the usurious banks and merciless bureaucracy of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

"The cholera epidemic, which advances unchecked across the region, was deliberately provoked. How? By economic measures," the leaflet charges. "The satanic circles which invented the IMF's 'adjustments' and 'con-

ditionalities,' have known from the beginning that one of the results of their measures, sooner or later, would be the resurgence of cholera and other once-eradicated diseases. Malnutrition, combined with the disappearance of health and sanitary services, leads to all sorts of epidemic diseases. Not only do the Ibero-American heads of state and the bankers whom they obey give less importance to human life than they do money. They are guilty of an even more heinous sin: *the deliberate intent to eliminate millions of human beings.*"

After documenting these charges, the MSI concluded: "We have not reached this situation for lack of an alternative. In 1974, the U.S. economist Lyndon LaRouche, today a political prisoner in his own country," directed a study "into the worldwide consequences for public health which would be created by the austerity measures of the IMF and similar agencies. That study . . . concluded that after a period of time, a series of different epidemics and pandemics would erupt, resulting in genocide 100 times worse than that committed by Adolf Hitler. Not only that. Since 1975, our movement has been proposing a program for accelerated economic development. . . . In such works as *Operación Juárez*, by Lyndon LaRouche, and the book *Ibero-American Integration*, it has been shown that, even under conditions of economic blockade imposed by the great powers, Ibero-America could survive better by integrating its economies—through a debtors' club and an Ibero-American Common Market—than in the claws of malthusian usury."