

‘Guadalajara Forum’ for New Economic Order Holds First Meeting in Argentina

by Silvia Palacios

For the first time on Oct. 18-19, a meeting of the “Guadalajara Forum” for South American economic integration and a New Bretton Woods monetary system, was held in economically devastated Argentina. The city of Paraná, capital of Entre Ríos Province, hosted the “Mexico-Brazil-Argentina Seminar: the Hour of Integration, in Defense of the Sovereign Nation-State.” This was the continuation in Argentina of the recently celebrated Guadalajara Forum, an institution which has emerged as a counterforce against the two globalist forums of the New Order—that of Davos, and the “Jacobin” World Social Forum of Pôrto Alegre, both of which, by different paths, represent an assault on the concept of the sovereign nation-state.

The reception given this “counterforce” was extraordinary. In a public statement issued Oct. 17, the mayor of Paraná decreed the forum “of interest to this city,” given that “said seminar is part of the effort to construct a forum in defense of national sovereignty and of the inalienable rights, which are: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, values which are threatened by the policies of globalization and free trade, which are rending our nations.”

Identification with these ideals led the participants of the seminar to embrace, at the end of the final two days of deliberation, the Manifesto of the Guadalajara Forum, which backs Lyndon H. LaRouche’s initiative to create a New Bretton Woods system, a call recently renewed by Helga Zepp-LaRouche. The initiative has been strengthened by a Sept. 25 vote of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, on behalf of Argentina and for a solution such as that proposed by LaRouche.

Support from All Sectors

This drive for continental integration has been sponsored by the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement (MSIA), LaRouche’s movement in Ibero-America, and by the Movement for National Identity and Ibero-American Integration (MINEI), led by Argentine Col. Mohamed Alí Seineldín. The Paraná event brought together Mexican patriots, Brazilian leaders, delegations from eight Argentine provinces, and representatives of Colombia. Among numerous messages of support, those from Brazil were read by agricultural leader Luis Fernando Beninca. Brazilian Congressman Luis Carlos Heinze, who has supported the work of the seminars since their inception, greeted the seminar, declaring his “support for the creation of the Guadalajara Forum, and the convoking

of a New Bretton Woods conference, in which the world powers and the community of nations can establish norms of civilized co-existence in international economic relations, as a means of preventing financial crises that primarily affect the emerging economies, but which threaten the stability of the entire world economy.”

Vice Adm. Sergio Tasso Vásquez de Aquino of Brazil, declared in a message to the event that “the proud nations of Latin America must cement an unbreakable unity, to guarantee their sovereignty and the dignity of their people. Hunger, injustice and impunity are the scourges that affect us all, and which need to be eradicated by the decisive action of patriots who are committed to the Common Good.” Messages came from Argentina, as well, including from the president of the Popular Reconstruction Party (PPR), Gustavo Luis Breide, and from Elsa Irene Martínez, president of the AUNAR Foundation.

The impact of the seminar was reflected in local newspaper coverage, both before and after the meeting. *El Diario* reported: “The integration seminar was a spectacular success, with 200 people at the opening session, and 150 regularly attending each panel. In two days, the participants heard high-level presentations on politics, science, infrastructure, and the economy of the Common Good. According to Lorenzo Carrasco, leader of the MSIA, globalization produced one evil, the Davos Economic Forum; which in turn produced another, the Social Forum of Pôrto Alegre. Faced with that dichotomy, in which none of the participants felt represented, they decided to create their own space in the search for the Common Good.” Other regional newspapers published other reports on the seminar. In the province of Santiago del Estero, the local daily reported on the participation of the regional president of the MINEI, Sergio Pereyra. Still more coverage is being transmitted on Internet websites.

Let’s Change the Rules of the Game

Prof. Raúl Vergara, president of the MINEI and regional president of the PPR, offered a warm welcome to the seminar participants. He was followed by Maj. Héctor Adrián Romero Mundani of Argentina, general secretary of the MINEI, whose enthusiastic speech called on those attending to “organize ourselves, and commit ourselves to do away with this servitude. We have to do this in unity. To confront globalization, we need a strategy. We must change the rules of the

game, such that the honorable debts will be honored, but the others, not." He continued, "The international financial system is in systemic crisis. We were given warning of this crisis by Lyndon H. LaRouche."

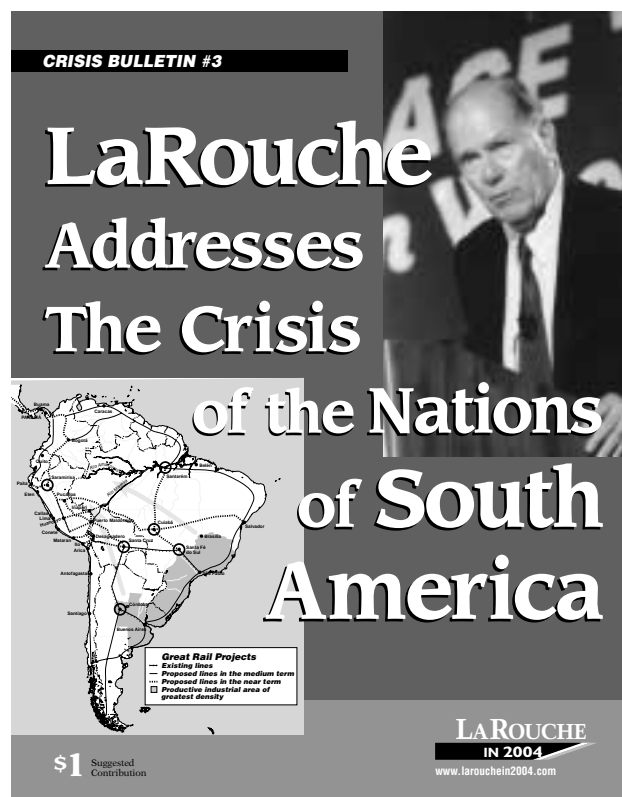
MSIA executive committee member Lorenzo Carrasco gave a briefing on the international strategic situation, and explained the origin of the Guadalajara Forum. In addressing the international strategic crisis, he stated that the Bush government is leading the world into a clash of civilizations. "For the oligarchic enemy, nations and cultures have nothing to do with universal history. That is how nations have been divided." He concluded by urging everyone to join the effort of Helga Zepp-LaRouche to promote a dialogue of cultures, drawing on the teachings of the Renaissance's Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa. "To promote a dialogue of civilizations is the higher purpose we propose for the Guadalajara Forum," said Carrasco.

Silvia Palacios, editor of the Portuguese-language edition of the newspaper *Solidaridad Iberoamerica*, described the irreplaceable role of the sovereign nation-state in economic progress, since the Treaty of Westphalia of 1648. She stated that the Anglo-American Utopian faction, through former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, former National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski, and futurists Alvin and Heidi Toffler, and today in control of the government of U.S. President George W. Bush, have decreed the death of the system of sovereign relations established in Westphalia. As to the "left wing" of globalism, Palacios cited the example of World Social Forum theorist, "former" terrorist Antonio Negri, who in his book *Empire*, states that the world crisis requires the end of nation-state sovereignties forged in 1648.

Palacios described the origin of the Westphalia Treaty, which for the first time established the principle that the sovereignty of states is the supreme authority in international relations, creating various principles of international order. But what rules today is the bestial concept of Hobbesian law, which is what sustains the imperial ambitions in the Bush Administration. Globalization represents economic, judicial and cultural regression. Palacios concluded that we must have an idea of economy and of international relations compatible with the dignity of the human being; that this idea, as expressed by Lyndon LaRouche, makes him the true anti-globalization leader.

Defend and Integrate Physical Economies

The defense of Brazil's Amazonas and Argentina's Patagonia has been a constant theme of the seminars on economic integration. National sovereignty over both regions, rich in strategic resources, is the target of the Anglo-American oligarchy. In this panel, a presentation from Brazil was given by former secretary of state and renowned professor, Bautista Vidal, a specialist in development programs. The catastrophe that globalization has produced in the Brazilian economy was addressed both by Vidal, and by Airtón Dias, president of the Trade Federation of the Amazon state of Roraima. Speaking



The English-language version of the 2001 pamphlet on industrial integration of the South American economies in the face of economic crisis, which launched the series of meetings now known as the Guadalajara Forum. The Argentine daily El Diario described its latest meeting, Oct. 19-21 in Paraná, Argentina, as a "spectacular success."

for Argentina, Dr. Héctor González gave a detailed review of the resources of Patagonia, and of the role of the environmentalist non-governmental organizations (NGOs) on behalf of the oligarchy, whose *modus operandi* is identical to that carried out in Brazil.

One panel was a dynamic presentation of Ibero-America's potential for the sovereign development of its resources, creating modern infrastructure that would allow for the physical integration of the continent, and which would turn the region into an industrial power in its own right. Engineer Guillermo Martínez Funes, energy consultant and former employee of Argentina's National Commission on Atomic Energy, gave a detailed speech on the benefits that the energy integration of the continent would yield. He addressed all its various aspects, from oil to cooperation in nuclear energy programs, especially in Mexico, Brazil, and Argentina, as these are the three nations which already have functioning nuclear plants.

Engineer Nilder Costa, of Brazil's MSIA, and Engineer José Francisco Speziale, one of Argentina's leading experts on hydraulics, each spoke on the continent's water resources and waterways. Nilder Costa presented his ideas for urgently

needed infrastructure of water transport, key for all of South America. The priority of continuing with such programs is already recognized by institutions such as the Andean Development Corporation, which published a report entitled “The Rivers Unite Us,” which is the basis for other initiatives for the physical integration of the continent.

EIR correspondent in Argentina Gerardo Terán presented the Spanish-language edition of LaRouche’s book, *So, You Wish To Learn All About Economics?* “Only if we abandon liberal dogmas and eradicate free trade in all its forms, and only if we can do what LaRouche’s economic science proposes, will integration be possible,” insisted Terán. Diana Olaya, also of the *EIR* office in Argentina, concluded the seminar with a detailed report on the insidious role of video games in the creation of the so-called New Violence, which in reality, is nothing but the culture of the new Roman Empire. Olaya’s presentation triggered a small mental and psychological earthquake among those attending, and provoked much reflection on the need to carry out a cultural renaissance, that can destroy globalization at the root.

Leadership in a Time of Crisis

This concluding session triggered a lively debate among those attending, which reflected the contagious optimism that the emerging Guadalajara Forum will serve as an alternative to globalism. Brazilian businessman José Carlos de Luca Magalhes, of the pharmaceutical industry, admitted: “I was scared to read an article published in the Brazilian press Sept. 29, which said that the era of the sovereign nation-state was over [a reference to an article by Alvin and Heidi Toffler, which stated that the Westphalian era had ended], when I learned about the Guadalajara Forum; this combined with my own activities in favor of continental integration. I felt great relief.”



At the opening session of the meeting in Argentina, Lorenzo Carrasco (left) with Maj. Héctor Adrián Romero of Argentina and MINEI leader from the city of Paraná, Mr. Vergara.

That is the spirit which, in the final portion of the seminar, inspired a discussion about the role of leadership in the current period of crisis. Carrasco called on those present to step forward and assume leadership, and not to wait for those who we consider responsible for such a role, to take it on. Leaders, he insisted, are just “common people, like you, who are moved by powerful ideas.”

Lorenzo Carrasco

Why the Power of the Guadalajara Forum?

Lorenzo Carrasco, President of the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement in Brazil, gave the keynote address Oct. 19 to the Mexico-Brazil-Argentina Seminar in Paraná, which is excerpted here.

Should we fail to integrate ourselves, we will be unable to save our countries. Where is [integration] coming from? Globalization has a forum which meets in Davos, Switzerland, the forum of perversion, from which all the evils emerge in order to impose [an oligarchic] economic order on the countries of the world. Over the years, globalization’s evils created social resentment. Essentially, these same oligarchic families which meet at the Davos Forum, created the Pôrto Alegre Forum two years ago. Both have the same objective, which is the destruction of the sovereign nation-state. . . . It was in a discussion with [Brazilian] Congressman Luiz Carlos Heinze, recently re-elected by a significant vote in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, that the idea of creating a forum in defense of the nation emerged. Now we have the Guadalajara Forum. Here in Argentina we must now create the institution around this idea.

In this process, we have had Col. [Mohamed Alí] Seineldín and Lyndon LaRouche, who have backed this idea with enthusiasm and support. Recently, we have had what I consider an historic success in this fight for integration: the electoral victory of Dr. Enéas Carneiro, with the largest vote for a federal deputy in the history of Brazil. No other leader, in the country’s largest electoral college which is São Paulo, has ever received 1.6 million votes. With that vote, according to existing electoral law, a parliamentary caucus was elected.

And who is Dr. Enéas? Well, he is the person whom many of you know from when

he came to visit Colonel Seineldín, who from the first defended the convening of a New Bretton Woods conference and a break with the world financial system, as LaRouche proposes. He doesn't mean negotiate—he wants a break with this perverse system, so as to forge this ideal of economic integration.

Brazil's Vote Against Globalization

And so today, we can say that the Guadalajara Forum and the idea of a New Bretton Woods is represented in the new Brazilian Congress—a political representation inside the country that will be key to defending the project of integration from Mexico to Patagonia. And it is important that this question be understood, because it took the enemy, and even Dr. Enéas, by surprise, as he was expecting 600,000 votes. When the polls opened, the surprise was that the population turned out en masse to vote against globalization. Dr. Enéas spent \$20,000 on his campaign, which he owes the bank. Now, if you think of the number of votes per dollar spent, it is a phenomenon that has to open our eyes—not in the sense of wanting to linearly reproduce a phenomenon such as we have seen with Dr. Enéas, but to reproduce in our own minds the fact that here was an ordinary person, who 12 years ago, as a doctor, was teaching classes, and said to himself: “I am going to take responsibility for my country.”

And so, it is a victory for all the patriotic and nationalist forces of the entire world, because we have here an icebreaker against the system, not for the purpose of negotiating, but to truly advance the process of destroying this evil system that is dragging our nations to the brink of disintegration. . . .

We are in a general collapse of the world economy, an unprecedented collapse. We have financial values which are ten times larger than the world's gross national product—\$400 trillion in financial instruments, against \$40 trillion of the world GNP, of which \$11 trillion corresponds to the U.S. economy. These financial values produce monetary circulation which demands real wealth, which steals real wealth. Here, we have people who were earning \$400, are now earning \$100 for the same job. Where did all that wealth go? To pay that financial bubble which is sucking up the world's wealth in order to honor the Golden Calf. That is what must be stopped, now.

We are now entering the collapse phase, in the sense that the vast amount of financial debt is beginning to be monetarized, which is causing a return to hyperinflation, such as occurred with Germany's Weimar Republic in the 1920s. For example, what is happening in Brazil is that the dollar contracts that are part of the financial bubble, are not being renewed. The combined debt of Mexico, Brazil, and Argentina is \$1 trillion. There is no possibility of paying that debt. No one in their right mind could commit to paying it, unless we want to hand over our territory, or perhaps our children.

It is a matter of life or death. That is why it is absolutely the case that the hour of truth has arrived. What future we

are going to have, is what we must now decide. . . .

So here we are. We see Argentina in a pitiable state of prostration. Brazil is moving toward that same condition. Mexico is in process of being annexed by the United States, and yet we still hear voices saying, “First we have to solve our internal problems, and then integration.” What internal problems, and what integration, when we don't even exist any longer as legal entities? When the international order which protects the rights of each nation, is being demolished? And so we must act.

Universal Individuals Save Nations

To the oligarchic enemy, each culture, each nation, each religion is independent, is separate. The history of Argentina is separate from that of Brazil. And here we have what is perhaps the most important element of oligarchic control in all of British historiography: Tell the people what they are, and they will behave as you have defined them. What happens when you break the link with universal history? What happens, for example, when you break the link between the Muslim world, and its role in the transmission of Hellenic culture to the West, for example, toward Spain, toward Iberian culture? And the same if one separates the different religions, and denies that there exists a universal principle that unifies the history of all peoples? When this is done, then one is like a child manipulated by the oligarchy.

So we have this idea of wanting to impose hate, and dividing more and more, because when people are made more miserable, they are easier to manipulate. Look at Africa, look at what is happening in Asia, and how we are facing here, the manipulation of province against province, of one regional currency against another. This is the process of the destruction of the nation-state, and we must say “Stop!” because otherwise we will become non-existent in universal history.

We must recognize this capacity of individuals and nations to be able to carry out this integration around the principle of the Common Good, the principle that the creative power must be transformed into concrete works. Therefore, we cannot be content to merely issue declarations. We have been studying all sorts of integration projects—waterways, six or seven biooceanic corridors, and so forth. Because we are going to bring about—through these projects, through economic progress—the principle of the Common Good; that is, the principle that each human being is a child of God. If we do not provide conditions of employment, conditions of prosperity, building new cities, we cannot talk of a new Renaissance nor of how we are going to change this situation.

And so I conclude by repeating that this is the purpose of the Guadalajara Forum. And as we have said from the beginning, the crisis will see governments fall, parliaments discredited, judicial systems collapse, every institution linked to the system of usury finished. And ordinary people, like those in this room, will have to come forward and assume their public responsibilities. The moment has arrived, in which *you here* must decide what you can do to save our nations.