

Synarchists Target Argentina's Kirchner

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In the midst of Argentina's highly publicized brawl with the International Monetary Fund, the Synarchist networks which Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche has identified as part of a new fascist international, are openly calling for a coup against President Néstor Kirchner, on the grounds that his alleged Godless atheism will destroy the country.

In an open letter entitled "In defense of God and the Fatherland," published in early January on the letterhead of the pro-fascist *Cabildo* magazine, Argentine Synarchist Antonio Caponnetto issued a call for religious warfare against Kirchner, charging that his Supreme Court nominee, Judge Carmen Argibay, is a "lying Marxist" atheist. All true "Soldiers of Christ" should mobilize against this "new provocation by President Kirchner," Caponnetto said. "We repudiate the entirety of this government, and its constant trampling on the rights of God," he warned. There is only one way to combat "militant atheism," he concluded: with "militant [i.e., violent] Catholicism."

Antonio Caponnetto is no mere religious fanatic. He is a leading figure in the fascist *Maritornes* project, coordinated with like-minded Spanish and Italian networks, whose links to right-wing terrorism have been the subject of a hard-hitting exposé by LaRouche in this publication. In response, Caponnetto and his fellow *Maritornes* collaborator, Víctor Eduardo Ordóñez, have each authored threatening letters to LaRouche, hysterically denying his charges that the new fascist international to which they belong—and which includes both "left" and "right" elements—is prepared to unleash bloody warfare throughout Ibero-America, posing a grave security threat to all of the Americas.

Yet LaRouche's charges were almost immediately borne out by the fact that members of Venezuela's political opposition, who share Caponnetto's ideology, promptly began circulating in their country his call to arms against Kirchner. A central figure in this opposition apparatus is Alejandro Peña Esclusa, who fled LaRouche's political movement in the mid-1990s to embrace Spanish fascist Blas Piñar, a leader of the recently reactivated Synarchist international. For months, Peña has been publicly calling for a military coup against "left" Synarchist Hugo Chávez.

'Axis of Evil?'

Nor can Caponnetto's attack be divorced from the fact that the oligarchical banking and financial interests backing

the policies of Vice President Dick Cheney's faction in the United States, are bludgeoning Argentina on the issue of the \$88 billion in foreign debt on which it defaulted in December 2001. The International Monetary Fund (IMF), Wall Street vulture funds, and allied European oligarchical interests threaten that unless Kirchner satisfies their demands for expanded looting rights, requiring deeper levels of austerity in this already-decimated nation, he, and Argentina, will be destroyed.

Kirchner has resisted IMF demands, thus far. But he also invites synarchist attacks by foolishly embracing the nation-wrecking policies of Transparency International, which seeks to dismantle such national institutions as the Armed Forces. At the same time, Kirchner flaunts his good relationship with left-wing Synarchists Hugo Chávez and Bolivia's Evo Morales. In response to the Argentine President's actions against the military, and favorable remarks toward such terrorist supporters as the Mothers of Plaza de Mayo, Víctor Eduardo Ordóñez penned an open letter also calling for Kirchner's overthrow.

All of this will only fuel the left-right warfare scenario which Cheney's synarchist friends envision for the entire continent. For over a year, the neo-conservative Hudson Institute in Washington has been churning out propaganda about an emerging Ibero-American "axis of evil," whose purported members include Venezuela, Cuba, and Brazil. The Center for Security Policy, led by Frank Gaffney, charged in a Jan. 6 article that Brazilian President Lula da Silva's Marxist Workers' Party "is moving his country toward the manufacture and export of nuclear-weapons material." The Brazilians obviously want to hide something, wildman Gaffney charged, because they won't let the International Atomic Energy Commission (IAEA) conduct unannounced spot inspections of its program.

Now, Cheney's allies in and around the Bush Administration are starting to include Kirchner as the latest member of the so-called axis of evil which Hudson's Constantine Menges has constantly shrieked about. During a Jan. 6 press conference in New York, Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs Roger Noriega implied that Argentina had joined the radicals, because its foreign policy had taken a "tilt to the left." As evidence, he cited the fact that Foreign Minister Rafael Bielsa had failed to meet Cuban dissidents when he recently visited that island. Noriega's remarks provoked a diplomatic incident, and a warning from Kirchner that Argentina "is no longer a doormat."

On Jan. 13, the same day that Kirchner met with George Bush at the Americas Summit in Monterrey, Mexico, Sun Myung Moon's *Washington Times* escalated the rhetoric, describing Kirchner as the most "virulent" of "left-leaning" Ibero-American leaders who are "challenging U.S. dominance in the region." He is the "brash new leader of what U.S. Rep. Henry J. Hyde, Illinois Republican, once dubbed an emerging Latin American 'axis of evil,'" claimed the Moonie *Times*.