

## MOON OVER PARANÁ

# Dick Cheney's 'Spoon-Benders' Rampage Through South America

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War. Chaos and war are what Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld are in the process of unleashing across South America. Look carefully at what they are up to.

Religious hoaxster Pat Robertson used his Christian Broadcasting Network telecast Aug. 22, to issue an in-your-face call for the assassination of Venezuelan President Hugo Chávez. "If he [Chávez] thinks we're trying to assassinate him, I think that we really ought to go ahead and do it. It's a whole lot cheaper than starting a war."

In the ensuing national and international uproar, the Bush-Cheney State Department laconically commented that Robertson's remarks were "inappropriate." And Defense Secretary Rumsfeld brushed the matter aside: "Our department doesn't do that type of thing. He [Robertson] is a private citizen. Private citizens say all kinds of things all the time."

What makes Robertson's remarks particularly dangerous—a threat to U.S. national security, which must be repudiated by President Bush, in the words of Lyndon LaRouche—are two additional considerations.

First, Robertson is closely linked to fundamentalist "spoon-bender" killers like Gen. Jerry Boykin, and other lunatic fringe political associates of Vice President Dick Cheney, as we document in the pages that follow. That grouping is out to stage a second 9/11 terrorist incident in order to launch a new war against Iran, including the use of tactical nuclear weapons. Robertson, like Jerry Falwell and related "Christian right" fundamentalists, flourished under the George H.W. Bush Administration, and were financially bailed out in 1995 by none other than the infamous Rev. Sun Myung Moon—himself a Bush ally, and a long-standing asset of the Nazi networks associated with the Ibero-American

drug trade.

Second, Robertson's comments are part of an ongoing rampage of assaults against the nations of South America, being carried out by U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney personally, and by his allied spoon-benders, including Rumsfeld, who just returned from a mid-August trip to Paraguay and Peru. Cheney and Rumsfeld—the "Burke and Hare" of Washington, D.C.—fully intend to sink the region into fratricidal border wars, civil wars, and economic chaos, using Paraguay as their touchstone.

Those oligarchical financier interests are well on their way to producing a string of failed states in South America—the governments of Paraguay, Bolivia, Ecuador, and Peru are all hanging by a thread, as of this writing—much as they are doing in Southwest Asia as well. Such "failed states," or areas described as otherwise "ungovernable," are frequently cited by Rumsfeld et al. as justification for establishing a supra-national military force that would intervene in such areas, purportedly to "fight terrorism" or "re-establish order." But their actual mission would be to put an end to the era of sovereign nation-states, and seize control of all raw material assets. Such a supra-national military force would be the modern equivalent of the Nazi Waffen SS, and would be deployed to similar effect.

As LaRouche put it succinctly in a pair of memoranda in late August: "The operation is a crucial element among a panoply of intersecting operations, all aimed at a great raw-materials-control grab by the Anglo-Dutch Liberal financier interest, an operation which includes the supporting objective of breaking up and crushing all nationalist political power in Central and South America. It is an operation which lures in puppets Cheney and Rumsfeld as the same general, global



*The war and chaos team: Here Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld (center) and Vice President Dick Cheney (left) at an Iraq war update in April 2003. Now they are aiming their guns at Ibero-America.*

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operation sucks in all sorts of susceptible people. . . . [It is a] project of worldwide elimination of the existence of the sovereign nation-state, a strategic threat to the vital strategic interests of the U.S.A.”

The financial oligarchy’s current attempt to unleash chaos and population wars in South America centers on Paraguay—just as it did in the 19th Century, and again in the 20th Century. Today, the major political actors involved in this gambit are the forces deployed under purported religious cover by the sexually obsessed *Rev. Sun Myung Moon*, and Prince Philip’s *Worldwide Fund for Nature, or WWF*—which are twin, British-run intelligence operations to annihilate the nation-state, and impose fascist globalization. The decisive financial spearhead of this operation in South America is Spain’s *Banco Santander*, a front for the interests behind its strategic banking ally, the Royal Bank of Scotland: the British royal household itself (see box).

Lyndon LaRouche has been at war against these forces, and the power that deploys them, for decades, and has played a decisive role in stymying their plans in South America and elsewhere, as the following articles show. It is that battlefield knowledge that we bring to the reader in this report.

To locate the strategic import of the current battle, we identify four of its leading features, which should be viewed as distinct dimensions of a single process. Think of each as if they were overlays on a historic map of the region. Do not think of any one overlay—nor even of the combined sum of the four—as the actual operation that is under way. Conceive, instead, of that *historical power*, that force for evil in the world that is the actual *source* of each of those overlays in turn: what LaRouche has identified as Anglo-Dutch financier

interests. What is that power’s actual intention in the region? What does that tell you about their intention globally? And what will it mean for U.S. national interests if Cheney and Rumsfeld, the puppets of those financial interests, remain in command in Washington?

## 1. Mapping Cheney’s Paraguay Capers

A highly unusual meeting took place in Washington, D.C., on June 10, 2005. On that day, U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney met personally, and at some length, with Paraguayan Vice President Luis Castiglioni. But Paraguay is a relatively small, powerless nation of scarcely 6 million people, of no apparent strategic significance. What was going on, that warranted Cheney’s hands-on involvement?

Cheney was taking measures to redraw the political map of South America, for the first time in nearly a century. He was sealing an agreement to build a U.S. military base on Paraguayan territory, in the heart of South America. On that same trip to Washington, Castiglioni also met with Rumsfeld, who promised to visit Paraguay shortly. Rumsfeld arrived in Paraguay just two months later, on Aug. 16, to oversee the first stages of 18-month-long joint military maneuvers deployed from that base. The public justification of this operation invoked the specter of a new 9/11, asserting that the operation is meant to combat purported Iranian-linked terrorists ensconced in the Triple Border area of Paraguay, Brazil, and Argentina.

As the map in **Figure 1** shows, the planned U.S. base is located at Mariscal Estigarribia, in the godforsaken Chaco region of Paraguay, the site of the bloody Chaco War of the 1930s between Paraguay and Bolivia. That air base is

## Banco Santander: Run by The Financiers of Hitler

*A more extensive report on this subject appeared in the "Empire Strikes Back: Spanish Banks Recolonize Ibero-America," EIR, July 2, 2004.*

Leading the foreign takeover of Ibero-America's banking sector is Banco Santander Central Hispano (BSCH, or Santander), the largest bank in Spain, and the sixth largest in Europe. Santander, with 15 banks spread across Ibero-America, is the largest foreign bank in the region, with \$77 billion in assets, or 9% of the region's total.

Santander is headed by Emilio Botín, a fourth-generation oligarchic banker who is widely estimated to be the richest man in Spain. He is a major backer of Spain's Francoist party, the Partido Popular (PP), and its former Prime Minister José Marí Aznar. In fact, according to various accounts, it was Botín who "created" Aznar, flying the little known PP leader to London in his private jet for a hush-hush meeting with select British bankers, prior to his 1996 election as Prime Minister. Similarly, Botín reportedly brags that he "owns" Rodrigo Rato, Aznar's former Finance Minister, who was appointed to head the International Monetary Fund in March 2004.

One of the top business advisers to Botín's daughter and heir apparent, Ana Patricia Botín, is Rafael López Diéguez, the head of Spain's overtly fascist party Alternativa Española. López Diéguez is the son-in-law of the notorious Blas Piñar, a former high official under Franco, the friend and protector of numerous Nazis spirited into Spain

after World War II, and head of the current effort to build a united European fascist front.

Santander is also associated with the Moonies. For example, the Moonie Spanish-language publication, *Tiempos del Mundo*, has on its home page a direct, sponsored link to Banco Santander.

And who really runs Santander?

A year after assuming the presidency of Santander, in November 1987, Emilio Botín signed a strategic agreement with the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) to swap 10% of each other's shares, and joined RBS's board. RBS is one of the United Kingdom's oldest, leading financial institutions. Rt. Hon. The Earl of Airlie is a prominent member of the RBS board of directors, and he is the brother-in-law of Princess Alexandra, Queen Elizabeth's first cousin; a Privy Councillor; and Lord Chamberlain of the Queen's Household—that is, he heads up the innermost sanctum around the Queen. Until 1984, he was chairman of Schroeders PLC, the London merchant banking group which helped finance Hitler's rise to power in the 1930s.

Furthermore, the international private banking arm of RBS is Coutts & Co.—the private bankers to the Queen. Santander's relationship with RBS is so cozy that in May 2003, according to the Santander web site, they "reached an agreement with The Royal Bank of Scotland Group, under which [Santander] acquired the private banking business in Ibero-America of its affiliate Coutts & Co."

In 1999, Santander struck another strategic alliance, this time with Assicurazioni Generali, the infamous and ultra-powerful Venetian insurance company, on whose board sit representatives of the principal banking fortunes of Western Europe. It is also well known that Generali played an instrumental role in bringing Mussolini to power in Italy.—*Dennis Small*

equipped to handle the heaviest military transport planes, and can house up to 16,000 troops.

There are also significant natural-gas deposits near the base, both in Paraguay and across the border in Bolivia. Bolivia's field, located in the separatist province of Tarija, is one of the largest in the world, and may be directly connected to the Independence I well located some 60 miles away, across the border in Paraguay. This is the stuff of which border incidents are typically manufactured by the financial interests behind Cheney and Rumsfeld.

The area is also close to the giant fresh-water Guaraní Aquifer, one of the largest in the world, and a major natural resource in its own right. It underlies much of the Paraná-Paraguay River basin, and covers an area of some 1.2 million square kilometers (463,000 square miles), with an estimated 70% located in Brazil, 19% in Argentina, 6% in Paraguay, and 5% in Uruguay.

Both the Paraguayan and U.S. governments have denied that a permanent U.S. base will be established at Mariscal Estigarribia, but few regional players are convinced by their words. For example, on Aug. 25, Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim told Reuters news service, in response to a question about Rumsfeld's mid-August trip to Paraguay, "The issue is that everything happen with a lot of transparency, that its objectives be clearly known." In late July, Amorim met with his Uruguayan counterpart, and emerged to state: "We don't see any reason for there to be an American military base in this region."

Among other concerns, the Brazilian government is worried that Washington's maneuvers are intended to drive a wedge among the Mercosur common-market members—Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay—because of Mercosur's opposition to British free-trade policies. And the Brazilian military—always highly sensitive to potential

FIGURE 1

## Cheney Targets the Heart of South America



threats to their sovereignty in the Amazon region—chose to stage high-profile military maneuvers along their border with Paraguay, which were timed to coincide with the arrival of the first U.S. troops.

### Bolivia Faces Disintegration

Perhaps most alarmed of all is Bolivia, which is already facing national disintegration in a country highly polarized between “leftist” forces, centered in the coca-growing regions

of the western highlands, and a “right wing” based in the southeastern provinces of Santa Cruz and Tarija, which hold most of the country’s hydrocarbon deposits. The latter are already talking about secession, a policy being actively promoted by the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), the neocon’s “Temple of Doom” in Washington, D.C., through the widely publicized articles of its scribbler Mark Falcoff. Both in his articles and press interviews, Falcoff has provocatively urged the provinces of Santa Cruz and Tarija to split from Bolivia, form an independent country, and ally with neighboring Chile.

High-level Bolivian authorities have told *EIR* that they are deeply troubled by the Mariscal Estigarribia base, and view it as part of a potential strategic resource grab, which could include supra-national troop deployments to back up a new “Santa Cruz Republic.” These Bolivians were also dismayed at Paraguayan President Nicanor Duarte’s Aug. 29-31 trip to Chile, where he inked accords to establish a Paraguayan free port in the Chilean city of Antofagasta, and talked about a new strategic alliance between the two countries. Duarte also proclaimed his desire to reach a free-trade agreement with the United States, modelled on the Chilean-U.S. free-trade accord. The Bolivians can’t help but view this in the context of the active operation for Santa Cruz and Tarija (which shares a common gas field with Paraguay), to secede and join Chile.

This entire provocative package was reportedly put together by Rumsfeld during his Aug. 16 visit to Paraguay.

Throw an attempted assassination of Venezuelan President Chávez into this mix, either by a Cheney-sanctioned operation or by some loose cannon set in motion by Pat Robertson’s calculated provocation, and the entire continent of Ibero-America would sink into Hell. Left-vs.-right warfare would explode everywhere, unleashing terrorists of both ideological extremes across the Americas—including inside the United States. Chávez has a significant following in South America’s left, more as a result of the misery created across the continent by decades of financial looting, than by Chavez’s own unstable antics.

Under these circumstances, Bolivia would be the first to go.

## 2. Three Centuries of British Wars vs. Paraguay

The foregoing base map of Cheney’s current operation, however, is not occurring in a historical vacuum. Consider its actual authorship, as we place a second, historical overlay on our preliminary picture.

“Ground zero” of Cheney’s South American caper is the same Chaco region of Paraguay which was the site, 70 years ago, of the bloody Chaco War of 1932-35 between Paraguay and Bolivia, in which some 40,000 Paraguayans and 50,000 Bolivians died. By the end of that war, the Paraguayans had only child-soldiers left to do the fighting. The Chaco War was

a British-orchestrated *resource war*, involving Rockefeller’s Standard Oil interests, German Nazi networks in Bolivia, and Royal Dutch Shell holdings in Paraguay, each of which coveted the hydrocarbon riches of the Chaco (see article below).

Seventy years before that, from 1865-70, Anglo-Dutch financial interests had deployed their puppet governments in Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay, to gang up on Paraguay in the Triple Alliance War. That exercise in geopolitical genocide ended up butchering some 50% of the population, including 80% of all males of Paraguay, a demographic horror from which the country has not recovered to this day. Great Britain explicitly justified the war on the grounds that it was necessary to stamp out economic protectionism in Paraguay, and to impose the British doctrine of free trade—the same free-trade lunacy that Paraguay’s current President just embraced in Chile.

By the time of the war, Paraguay had developed into “the most powerful nation in the New World, after the United States,” according to the U.S. Consul in Paraguay at the time. By the 1850s, Paraguay was self-sufficient in food, had a totally literate population, and was industrializing at a healthy pace. It did this with aggressively protectionist economic policies modelled on the American System of political economy of Alexander Hamilton—historically Public Enemy Number One, for the Anglo-Dutch Liberal financiers.

## The Jesuits in Paraguay

Centuries earlier, Paraguay had also been the target of British and Hapsburg-deployed hooligans, in the form of the Jesuits, a nominally Catholic religious order which for centuries has served as a battering ram for Venetian Aristotelian liberalism. In 1767, Spanish King Charles III (1759-88), an ally of the American Revolution, expelled the Jesuits from the entire Spanish Empire—including Paraguay, where they had built up a significant following. How had the Jesuits achieved this? Suffice it to quote from Friedrich Schiller’s famous brief 1788 account, *The Jesuit Government in Paraguay*:

In a campaign which preceded the battle of Paraguay, fought on the 12th of September 1759, between the Jesuits and the united Spanish-Portuguese army, two Europeans, who had fought with desperate bravery, were brought in among the different Indian prisoners. . . [They confessed] they were Jesuits. . . .

When their pockets were searched, a small book was found. . . [with] the chief tenets of the religion, which the Order had sought to implant in their Indian subjects [such as]. . .

“6. Man must defend himself against his enemies.

“7. The enemies are the white men, who come from a far distant region, to conduct war, and are cursed by God.

“8. The Europeans, i.e. the Spanish and Portuguese,

are such people who are cursed by God. . . .

“10. God commands that we exterminate his enemies and go forth to their country, to exterminate them. . . .

“5. God permits him, who despises temporal goods and is always ready to fight against the friends of the devil, to do everything with a woman. . . .

“20. Whoever be the cause, that our weapons extend to Europe, he shall have many beautiful maidens in Paradise. . . .

“27. One must give to the Kaus [Jesuit priests—ed.] all fruits of the land and all labor of mankind. . . .”

Does this sound like a modern-day, gnostic sex-cult? There is a reason for that.

### 3. Moon Over South America

There is another curious feature, a third overlay, to the Mariscal Estigarribia base: It is a stone’s throw from huge tracts of land owned along the Paraguay-Brazil border by Reverend Moon—a spoon-bender lunatic if ever there was one.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon—a Korean by birth, but an Anglo-American agent by pedigree—is best known for presiding over mass weddings of his zombie followers, whom he then instructs as to when and how their marriages may be consummated. In his early years in the 1950s, Moon was repeatedly arrested in both North and South Korea for a religious innovation which he charmingly referred to as “holy blood-sharing.” Based on pagan fertility rites, this was the unlimited copulation of the pastor with his female adherents.

In recent times, Moon has reportedly proclaimed that he communicates regularly with departed souls, including all the deceased Presidents of the United States. And in a speech in Buenos Aires, Argentina in November 1996, *and with ex-President George H.W. Bush sitting at his side*, Moon regaled banqueters with a litany of odd sexual and scatological references: “When you defecate, do you use a mask? This is no laughing matter, this is serious. When you were kids, did you ever taste the cooties from your nose? . . . Why didn’t you feel they were dirty? Because that’s a part of your body.” He concluded, referring to himself in the third person: “The Reverend Moon has discovered things that no one else had thought about.”

At that same banquet, ex-President Bush hailed Moon for his “foresight and vision.” He did not publicly thank him, however, for the six-digit honorarium Moon paid him for the appearance.

But is Reverend Moon just one more fruitcake, masquerading as a man of the cloth? Or is there some other affinity (besides lunacy) between him and Cheney’s “spoon-benders?” Are they all being deployed by a common master, to a common end?

*EIR* has written extensively on the subject of Reverend



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*Rev. Sun Myung Moon is in the middle of the Cheney “spoon-benders” war plans and anti-development land grab for Ibero-America.*

Moon.<sup>1</sup> Here we limit ourselves to restating a handful of salient points.

In 1954, Moon set up his Unification Church, in connection with the founding of the Asian Peoples’ Anti-Communist League. Moon’s original lawyer was Robert Amory, deputy director of the CIA under Allen Dulles—the same Dulles who was instrumental in bringing entire chunks of the Nazi apparatus into South America after World War II, by way of the notorious “rat lines.”<sup>2</sup> In 1957, South Korean Col. Bo Hi Pak joined Moon’s Unification Church, and the next year Pak and the Moon group led a Mexico City conference which set up the so-called World Anti-Communist League, or WACL.

In 1980, Moon founded another group which was mostly co-extensive with WACL, the Confederation of Associations for the Unity of Societies of America, or CAUSA. The U.S. side of WACL and CAUSA included such Dulles operators as William F. Buckley, Jr., and the CIA’s Ray Cline. On the Ibero-American side, CAUSA was run by many of the Nazis that Dulles had spirited out of Europe after World War II.

Moon and CAUSA played a leading role, along with their allied German Nazi transplant, Klaus Barbie, in orchestrating the notorious 1980 Cocaine Coup in Bolivia—which opened the door to drug trafficking across the continent. Most of the colonels who staged that coup were members of CAUSA. And a month after the coup, General Luis Garcí Meza, who assumed the Presidency of Bolivia, participated

1. See, for example, Laurence Hecht, “H.G. Wells and Bertrand Russell: The ‘No Soul’ Gang Behind Reverend Moon’s Gnostic Sex Cult,” *EIR*, Dec. 20, 2002.

2. William Wertz, Jr., “The Nazi Rat-Lines: Time to Rid America of the ‘Dulles Complex’ ” *EIR*, Aug. 5, 2005.

FIGURE 2

## The Moonies and the Pantanal



in a meeting in Argentina of the Latin American branch of WACL.

Now, let us return to the Moonie overlay of Cheney's Paraguay caper.

### Seizing South America's Choke-Point

Since the mid 1990s, Reverend Moon has been constructing a would-be empire of giant tracts of land, both inside Paraguay (about 150 miles from the Mariscal Estigarribia base) and right across the river in Brazil (see **Figure 2**). It began with the 1995 purchase of New Hope hacienda in Brazil, which today is the Moonies' regional headquarters, where they periodically host up to 1,000 Moonie recruits from abroad for 40-day brainwashing seminars. They simultaneously purchased land just across the Paraguay River in Paraguay, near Fuerte Olimpo, and subsequently added further holdings in both countries. Then in 2001, the Moonies escalated by purchasing an enormous tract of land surrounding the Paraguayan river port of Puerto Casado.

Today, Reverend Moon owns an astonishing 750,000 hectares of land in Paraguay (some 2,900 square miles), and another 83,000 hectares (320 square miles) in the Brazilian state of Mato Grosso do Sul. The combined Moon holdings in the two countries add up to more than 3,200 square miles—an area nearly the size of Lebanon!

But the size isn't the half of it. These land-holdings are nearly contiguous, and they are all located either along, or

very close to, the Paraguay-Brazil border. Their very existence is a threat to the sovereignty of both countries, and to the underlying concept of the sovereign nation-state.

In a November 1999 interview with the *New York Times*, Cesar Zaduski, a former president of Moon's Unification Church in Brazil and the general manager of the New Hope project, was blunt: "What unites South America is Mercosur," Zaduski said, referring to the anti-free-trade economic alliance among Paraguay, Brazil, Argentina, and Uruguay, that Cheney is trying to bust up. "And what is the heart of Mercosur? This region here, where you can build a project that goes beyond borders."

Or, as Moon's top representative in Mercosur, Kim Yoon Sang, told the Brazilian magazine *Istoe* in February 2002, "For us, borders aren't important."

On Aug. 18, 2000, Moon himself gave a speech at a conference auditorium at the United Nations in New York City, in which he explained: "I am purchasing approximately 1.2 million

hectares of fertile land in the South American countries of Mercosur, to help compensate countries for lands that they might lose, should United Nations-controlled zones be established" in their countries.

Towards the end of 1998, Brazil's security and intelligence services launched an investigation of Moon's activities in Brazil, including contraband, money-laundering, immigration violations and, according to press accounts, possible drug running. The issue of sovereignty was foremost on the agenda. In mid-2001, the Mato Grosso do Sul state legislature held hearings on the subject, and Gen. Sergio Ernesto Conforto, head of the Western Military Command of Brazil, told the legislators straightforwardly that the Paraguay and Brazil Moon purchases indicated that "it appears that they wish to join the two areas to provide free access from one country to the other."

In February 2002, a Brazilian judge lifted bank secrecy on Moon's various activities in the country. And on May 6, 2002, the Federal Palace raided Moon's properties in Mato Grosso do Sul and in the industrial city of Sao Paulo. But on Dec. 9, 2002, a pressured Mato Grosso state legislature closed its investigation of Moon, saying that "instead of closing the state to initiatives such as that of Reverend Moon, it would be better to examine what they have to offer. . . [They could]] bring our economy to levels never before dreamed of."

Many in Brazil are today doubting the wisdom of that

finding, in light of the Moon connection to Cheney's and Rumsfeld's threatening deployments at Brazil's doorstep.

#### 4. Reverend Moon and Prince Philip: Not-So-Strange Bedfellows

Our final overlay takes us straight into the bedroom of Queen Elizabeth of the United Kingdom, where we find her royal consort Prince Philip and his Worldwide Fund for Nature (known in the United States as the World Wildlife Fund, or WWF) in deep ecological embrace with the Reverend Moon.

On Feb. 26-28, 1999, Sun Moon University, the Washington Times Foundation, and the University of Bridgeport (Conn.)—all Moonie fronts—sponsored the founding meeting of the World Conference on Preservation and Sustainable Development in the Pantanal (WCPSD), held in Washington, D.C. Funding and/or support was also provided by the German-Brazilian non-governmental organization *Ecotropica*. The Pantanal is the largest wetland in the world, covering an area of approximately 150,000 square kilometers (about 58,000 square miles) in the upper Paraguay River basin, with portions in Brazil, Bolivia, and Paraguay (see Figure 2).

The Moonies, like their kissing cousins in the WWF, are heavily deployed to "save the Pantanal" from the horrors of economic development, and they use this ruse both to stop hated great infrastructure projects (such as the *Grande Hidrovia*, or Great Waterway, which would link the Paraná-Paraguay river system with the Amazon, which would, in turn, be linked to the Orinoco River in the north of South America), and to try to establish supra-national control over the region.

In short, they are jointly squatting on the choke-point of South America's future.

At the first conference of the WCPSD—whose stated goal is to "serve as a catalyst toward an integrated management [of the Pantanal] involving Brazil, Bolivia, and Paraguay"—the keynote address was given by Sun Moon University president Chung Hwang Kwak, who explained that the 1995 Moonie purchase of the enormous New Hope hacienda in western Brazil was the first step in this process of "defending the Pantanal."

According to the Final Report presented by the University of Bridgeport's Dr. Thomas Ward, the conference had 120 participants from 41 nations, and emphasized the "need to pursue integrated, transnational strategies and action plans" for the Pantanal. The report predictably railed against "any proposed development plan with short-term economic benefit but potentially colossal long-term costs."

At the second WCPSD conference, held in October of that same year, 1999, just as Moon was buying up land right and left, in and around the Pantanal, the Final Report was even more explicit in its declaration of war against development:

"3. Although megaprojects such as the Hydrovia [sic] may have been voided as comprehensive projects, the same projects could re-emerge in the form of piecemeal develop-

ment projects in a given zone of the Pantanal, which could then precipitate additional projects in other parts of the region. This would lead over time to an incremental realization of what had allegedly been proposed, and prevented, on a more comprehensive plane."

The Final Report also went out of its way to praise "NGOs such as Ecotropica [that] had taken important steps in land acquisition with the express purpose of protecting the Pantanal."

One such Ecotropica "land acquisition" is in the Acurizal Private Reserve which, together with the neighboring Penha reserve and Doroche reserve, form a complex of protected reserves with a total area of some 55,000 hectares—in the heart of the Brazilian Pantanal, at the international border with Bolivia and Paraguay. There Ecotropica set up an "ecotourism" facility in partnership with the WWF Brazil.

Furthermore, the Moonie-allied Ecotropica has established a full "institutional partnership" with WWF Brazil. The WWF Brazil website also proudly proclaims that it set up an "office in Corumbá deep in the heart of the Pantanal"—which, curiously, happens to be the location of one of Reverend Moon's key landholdings in the region.

Like Moon's WCPSD opposition to "megaprojects such as the Hydrovia;" and Ecotropica's anti-canal activities dating back to 1988, in the name of defense of what they call "gentle tourism," the WWF is also explicit that its objective in the Pantanal is "halting the construction of the waterway across the Paraguay and Paraná rivers," as their own web page puts it.

This, then, is the collection of forces deployed by the Anglo-Dutch Liberal financier interests, to end national sovereignty, seize control over natural resources, and forcibly stop any moves towards actual economic development in the region. In short, they are deployed to enforce *globalization*.

On the other side, the proposal to build the Great Waterway, and the broader integration of the three great river systems of South America, includes not only nationalist forces in Brazil, Bolivia, and Paraguay, but has been promoted by Lyndon LaRouche for more than two decades, as part of his broader program for Ibero-American and world reconstruction.

However, the idea of linking the Paraná-Paraguay, the Amazon, and the Orinoco river systems, actually dates back more than 200 years, to the proposal in 1799 of Alexander von Humboldt, the great German friend of the American Revolution.

So, what is at issue in Cheney's and Rumsfeld's rampage in South America today, is a centuries-long war between the Anglo-Dutch Liberal financier interests, on the one hand, and the American System tradition of economic development, on the other, as represented by the American Revolution, its foreign allies like Humboldt, and Lyndon LaRouche today.

What would it mean, then, for the national interest of the United States, if Cheney and Rumsfeld were allowed to prevail in Washington today?