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Bring abductors of Patricia Londoño to justice!

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An international mobilization rescued Colombian Anti-Drug Coalition leader Patricia Paredes de Londoño on Aug. 2 after six days of captivity by abductors linked to the Colombian drug mafia, who were subjecting her to a “Patty Hearst”-style brainwashing. The forces “above suspicion” who deployed that crime, and are now attempting to cover it up, must be fully exposed and crushed.

Mrs. Londoño is the wife of Maximiliano Londoño, the vice-president of the Colombian National Anti-Drug Coalition and secretary general of the Andean Labor Party (PLAN)—the most courageous and informed foes of *Dope, Inc.* in Colombia. After months of harassment against her and her husband, which had included a previous robbery and drugging incident in Bogota last October, and telephoned death threats only one week earlier, Patricia suddenly disappeared in Bogota on Thursday, July 26.

Early Friday, July 27, the PLAN, the Colombian ADC and their international allies began a worldwide information campaign to find and free Patricia. On Monday, July 30, a 46-page dossier commissioned by *EIR* founder Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. was released on three continents, exposing the cabal of drug traffickers and their political and financial patrons behind the Londoño abduction. It centered on the former President of Colombia, Alfonso López Michelsen, who had stepped forward one day earlier in a brazen interview as the spokesman for 80% of the country’s top drug traffickers, who from their Panama refuge have declared total war on the government of Colombia and its current President, Belisario Betancur.

The *EIR* dossier documented that these gangsters, wanted by Colombian law not only for drug running but for killing Colombian Justice Minister Rodrigo Lara Bonilla on April 30, have active networks of support in the United States, including figures in the Mondale campaign machine.

The ongoing investigation of the Patricia Paredes de Londoño abduction points to a combined operation between the Alfonso López Michelsen dope mafia; AFL-CIO head Lane Kirkland’s American Institute for Free Labor Development (AIFLD); the labor section of the U.S. Embassy in Colombia; and the Universal Christian Gnostic Church, which is tied to the M-19 terrorist band.



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Top officials of the Carter-Mondale administration, many of them working for Mondale's election today, supported former Colombian President Alfonso López Michelsen's drive to legalize drugs. This is the dope lobby apparatus that is under investigation today for the abduction of Patricia Paredes de Londoño, a leader of Colombia's Anti-Drug Coalition. Here, Rosalynn Carter meets then-President López Michelsen on June 10, 1977.

Also under investigation is Henry A. Kissinger, who was put in charge of President Reagan's Bipartisan Commission on Central America at the behest of Lane Kirkland. The Kissinger Commission's final report demanded that the economies of all of Latin America be restructured on the model of Hong Kong—the notorious center of the multibillion dollar Asian dope trade!

In 1974, in California, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army and subjected to torture and brainwashing. Under the terrorists' control, she turned against her fiancé, her family, and all of her past beliefs, and finally was made to participate in an SLA bank robbery, for which she was later unjustly prosecuted and imprisoned.

The facts of the Patricia Paredes de Londoño case (chronology, page 21), indicate that her captors, associated with the Universal Christian Gnostic Church, had a similar plan in mind. Gnostic brainwashing is called by its Colombian practitioners "annihilation of the ego." Their method involves "sexual rituals and practices" leading to the total destruction of personality.

As of this writing, Patricia is recovering in a hospital in Cali, Colombia, near her family home, following a six-day nightmare of torture and drugging.

The report in the next pages summarizes *EIR's* ongoing investigation to uncover and bring to justice the perpetrators of that crime. It includes:

- A fact sheet on the evidence linking Kirkland's AIFLD, the labor section of the U.S. Embassy in Bogota, and the Universal Christian Gnostic Church to the abduction of Patricia Londoño.

- A chronology of the events during the six-day ordeal of Patricia, proving beyond all doubt that the lies circulated by AP news service, the U.S. State Department and others claiming that the case was simply a "divorce case and not an abduction" constitute criminal coverup for the Gnostic thugs and the drug mafia.

- A capsule history of the drug mafia's five-year campaign to stop the Colombian Anti-Drug Coalition, which escalated during this past year.

- A survey of the worldwide press coverage of the Londoño abduction, which led to her release.

- Extensive excerpts of Alfonso López Michelsen's July 29 interview demanding that Betancur capitulate to the mafia and abandon all rule by morality.

- Dossiers on Alfonso López Michelsen, political godfather of the Colombian drug mafia; Jaime Michelsen, financial godfather of the Colombian drug mafia; Ernesto Samper Pizano, the Michelsens' top drug lobbyist; and Samper Pizano's U.S. collaborators, including the top drug abuse advisers of the Carter-Mondale administration, every one of whom came from NORML, the U.S. pot lobby.

The investigation is now pointing to a U.S. national security threat of the gravest sort. López Michelsen and his Colombia drug mafia turn out to be intertwined with the drug-weapons-terror apparatus of the Bulgarian secret services. It is the same connection as that enjoyed by another Lane Kirkland asset, Italian trade unionist Luigi Scricciolo, now in jail for his role in mediating between the terrorist Red Brigades and the Bulgarians during the January 1983 kidnaping of NATO Gen. James Dozier. López reportedly went to Bulgaria in 1979, right after his term as President of Colombia.