

British geopolitics in Ibero-America

1. Argentina: British forces invaded the port of Buenos Aires in 1806 and 1807, but were repelled by local troops.

2. Uruguay: By manipulating both Brazil and Argentina, Britain achieved the independence of Uruguay in 1828, which then served as a base for British operations throughout the 19th century.

3. Mexico: The French invaded in 1863 and installed Emperor Maximilian on the throne; this coincided with the

British attempts to dismember the American Union in the Civil War (1861-65).

4. Paraguay: The British engineered the War of the Triple Alliance (1864-70), pitting this small nation against Brazil, Uruguay, and Argentina in a genocidal war from which Paraguay never recovered.

5. War of the Pacific: Backed by British financial interests, Chile waged war against Bolivia and Peru (1879-81).

6. Chile: In 1891 British interests financed a phony "revolution" against President José Manuel Balmaceda, a follower of Friedrich List.

7. Venezuela: German and British ships blockaded Venezuelan ports (1902-03) in order to collect unpaid debts. Argentine Foreign Minister Luis María Drago appealed to the United States to intervene on the basis of the Monroe Doctrine.

