

No to the proposed invasion of Colombia!

The following are excerpts from a policy statement issued on June 12 by Maximiliano Londoño Penilla, president of the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement of Colombia. Subheads have been added.

“If Colombia needs international support, it will have to ask for it: resources, organization, aid. Of course, there is always the option of calling for an invasion, but it would have to be an absolutely critical situation. The only thing that’s clear is that we cannot lose Colombia.”

This was the provocative statement of James Zackrison, an analyst from the Pentagon’s Office of Naval Intelligence, in a recent interview with the Colombian magazine *Cambio* 16.

The Anglophile school of thought

Zackrison is a mouthpiece for the Anglophile school of thought in Washington from which Luigi Einaudi, the decades-long *éminence grise* of the U.S. State Department for Ibero-American affairs, also draws his inspiration.

These ideologues, on the one hand, promote the dismantling of the armed forces of our nations, so that we cannot defend our sovereignty against narco-terrorism, and then, in the face of the “security crisis” thus created, insist on the use of supranational military force to allegedly solve the problem they have created.

Washington’s so-called “hawks” (hard-liners) as well as the so-called “doves” (who favor negotiation with terrorists) represent two sides of the same coin. Both promote the dissolution of the national military forces of the region, which they would replace with rapid deployment forces under the aegis of the Organization of American States (OAS) or of a supranational system coordinated by the United Nations—a security system led in fact by the same international financial oligarchy, based in London, which controls the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the United Nations, and the World Trade Organization. . . .

In the spring of 1996, Zackrison wrote for the *Joint Force Quarterly*, a publication of the U.S. National Defense University, a review of EIR’s book, *The Plot To Annihilate the Armed Forces and the Nations of Ibero-America*. . . .

In his review, Zackrison denied the existence of such an anti-military policy, dubbing the view a “strange conspiracy theory.” But, he did admit that the book “is on the list of

required reading of various military academies and war colleges in the region,” and warned that “students of Latin American affairs who ignore it do so at their own risk. . . .”

The fact is, that Colombia has another alternative, beyond the two usually presented—either to concede to the narco-terrorists or to call for a foreign invasion, both of which would lead to the destruction of the Colombian nation-state. That third option is to wage war against narco-terrorism, as has been done with relative success by the government and Armed Forces of Peru. The Peruvian example has two main characteristics:

1. President Alberto Fujimori, with the firm support of Peru’s Armed Forces, has declared total war against narco-terrorism, and has proven his readiness to take major risks—on the personal, political, and national levels—to win that war.

2. The Peruvian government has developed a viable policy of cooperation with the Clinton government in Washington, in which the two nations support each other in battling a common enemy, without falling into the trap of violations of national sovereignty.

LaRouche’s approach

Contrary to what Mr. Zackrison and his friends in London would have us believe, there do exist forces inside the United States who are neither pro-invasion “hawks,” nor “doves” who would surrender all to the terrorists. This option has been repeatedly presented in Washington over the years by Lyndon LaRouche; and, certain circles in and around the Clinton administration have echoed some aspects of this approach, as seen in the case of Peru.

The Clinton administration should embrace LaRouche’s recommendations regarding both strategic and regional security questions, as well as economic and international financial matters. In the midst of the worst financial crisis to have struck humanity since the Black Death of the 14th century, a crisis before which the world’s usurious and decrepit monetary and financial system is collapsing, it is essential to replace it with a New Bretton Woods system, to establish the basis for a worldwide economic recovery. . . . This is the only way to assure lasting peace on this planet. This is the only way to stop cold the British plot against the nation-state.

On the question of hemispheric security, Washington should decisively support the governments of the region in their fight against narco-terrorism, while maintaining a disciplined respect for the sovereignty of nations. The pretense of using the so-called “peace process” as an instrument for justifying a reduction or dismantling of the region’s military forces, must be rejected.

The absurd idea of invading our nations with UN blue helmeted troops and hordes of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) . . . will only boomerang against the United States, . . . fanning the flames of “narco-nationalism.” . . .