

Mexico's Vicente Fox promotes globalization

by Carlos Cota Meza

In mid-May of this year, Vicente Fox made another one of his visits to the United States. Speaking before a group of "Mexicanologists" meeting in a Congressional salon in Washington, D.C., the Presidential candidate of the National Action Party (PAN) stated that "Mexico's foreign policy is based on fundamental principles which, with the exception of a few which no longer correspond to reality, will be preserved in my government."

Among those which no longer correspond to reality, according to Fox, is the principle of non-intervention. "This principle, in and of itself, is fine," said the PANista, "but it should be revised for cases such as the NATO intervention in Kosovo."

Fox not only supports Margaret Thatcher and George Bush's globalization of international policy, but he also shares their economic policy, along with all of its "philosophical" underpinnings.

The Bangladesh model

For example, on April 23, 1996, Fox, as the Governor of Guanajuato state, participated in the "Commitments to the Nation Forum," a grouplet sponsored by Carlos Salinas de Gortari, the former Mexican President who allied himself with George Bush, and former Mexico City Mayor and George Soros partner Manuel Camacho. There, Fox stated the globalization thesis of the financial oligarchy:

"Mexico is a straggler. . . . Today we make up the rear-guard, at a time when many countries took good advantage of the times, of the century, to free themselves of military, personal, or party dictatorships; they took advantage of the century to adjust their political models and to modify their constitutions. These nations today live as democracies. . . . In our case, we have unfortunately let the century go by, let the millennium pass us by, and we still have no resolution to this old problem."

Fox continued, "First of all, we want to clarify . . . that today in the world, there is no other path than the free market, the capitalist sphere, and participatory democracy," but the country needs to "surpass Salinista and Zedillista neo-liberalism." Fox added demagogically, "I don't know what we are doing running around there in Washington, on Wall Street, seeking the solution to our problems." The economic proposal Fox presented was that "it is no longer possible to be coming

up with national development plans: The vocation of each region of the country, of each community, of each state and of each municipality, requires a different development plan."

As he has been doing all along, Fox proclaimed that in Guanajuato, during his governorship, "unemployment was eliminated," "every child and youth attended school," and so on. He has given "thousands in credits," he claims, so that especially the women of Guanajuato could "set up their own small businesses," "some goats to milk, for selling milk and cheese," or to buy "a sewing machine and dress their family, or take in outside work," and so on.

While Fox may sound like a manor lord talking fondly about his house servants, the truth is that the most superficial investigation into the state of affairs in Guanajuato reveals that the goats and sewing machines never existed. The women of Guanajuato have been milking in a vacuum.

Where does Fox get his demagoguery from?

"We have known," says Fox, "very interesting experiences, such as the case of Bangladesh with the Grameen Bank." As far as we have been able to check, Fox has never been in Bangladesh, making one wonder whether his "visit" to that country might not be a kind of brainwashed "Clockwork Orange" experience.

What Fox alleges are Guanajuato's economic experiences, are entire paragraphs taken from *The New World of Microbusiness Finances*, a book which carries the subtitle "The Structuring of Healthy Financial Institutions for the Poor." The text is revised programs developed over the past 20 years by the U.S. Agency for International Development and the World Bank, in particular its Developing Women's Division.

As the text states, the revisions were made in the programs because the 75 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from several countries which were doing the financing, "are transitioning from a condition as NGO to entities subject to the risks of a financial company and the demands of a banking superintendent." This reconversion of the NGOs into financial businesses is a program that was elaborated at Ohio State University, through its Program of Rural Finances, with the participation of the Shorebank Corp. of Chicago, Illinois.

It appears that the dizzy Fox was confusing Ohio State University with Bangladesh. Regarding this country, by the way, the reality is that Grameen Bank is the product of a government program known as the "Committee for Rural Advance in Bangladesh." As for the "extraordinary" things it does, what seems most notable is that it has "approximately 1 million (small) loans outstanding" in this most impoverished nation.

The world's crème de la crème

On Oct. 3, 1995, Fox revealed the "very important lessons" that he had learned during his participation in the "State of the World Forum," an event in San Francisco designed to "take a look at the next millennium from different view-

points.” Fox declared himself “honored” and “surprised” to have been the only Mexican invited, which enabled him to “hobnob with the world’s crème de la crème.”

A rumor that has never been denied is that Fox’s invitation was arranged by the multinational Campbells, the canned-food company which controls huge tracts of land in Guanajuato, where crops including potatoes, asparagus, and broccoli are grown. Even the 500 hectares of the Fox family are involved in this activity.

Here again, Fox spoke of the “Bangladesh model,” and about how what most struck him were the speeches of Alvin Toffler, the snake-oil salesman who proclaims that industrialization has come to an end; Shirley McLaine, Hollywood’s yoga guru; and Jean Jaques, whom the fascinated Fox referred to as “this woman who has lived for 30 years with the chimpanzees. . . . She was one of those who spoke most beautifully regarding coexistence with nature, and of course, coexisting with other animals of the planet. So, spirituality can be found in every field. . . . There are many religions filled with content, filled with philosophy, filled with values.”

Fox seems to be confused on this matter, as on so many others. It appears that the woman he has in mind is Dianne Fossey, who was the model for the making of the film “Gorillas in the Mist,” an open promotion of zoophilia, financed by British Royal Consort Prince Philip’s World Wildlife Fund. (Is this where Fox gets his affinity for young goats?) Another

individual who influenced him on the “spiritual” level, says Fox, was “the top dog of Vietnamese Buddhism.”

By his own comments, there can be no doubt that Vicente Fox is a convert to some esoteric religion, and, like Frankenstein, is someone who has been unleashed to facilitate the destruction of national institutions.

“The strongest message,” said Fox, “is that the future of humanity is only going to be possible, is only going to be successful, if we strongly return to development of the spirit. . . . I believe that one of the great lessons to be drawn from this is that there should be no inhibitions, that the paradigm in Mexico should be broken. . . . I would once again emphasize . . . that the most important is the intensity of the religious, the intensity of the spiritual.”

Who can help create this so very “spiritual” world that fascinates our Mr. Fox so much? The NGOs, of course, because they are “social institutions which today have the great confidence of the world financial centers, and by virtue of being in private hands, they are receiving a large portion of development resources and are taking them directly to society. The governments are being displaced. . . . They are not trustworthy, that is the word.”

On the “political front,” what Fox most stressed was his three-hour meeting with former Russian Communist President Mikhail Gorbachov. Gorbachov “was adamant that the entire system is coming to an end, above all when one no longer knows how to manage things,” Fox said. “The prediction is that the era of the PRI [the ruling Revolutionary Institutional Party] and of the Mexican system has come to an end, and he could also see that in the year 2000, there will surely be changes, important transformations in this country. . . .

“Mikhail said that Salinas spoke of *perestroika* and *glasnost*, in the aftermath of the changes Gorbachov had made in Russia, and that nonetheless had ended up with a total rupture of the Mexican project. We tried to find out the reasons and the mistakes. One of these points precisely to presidentialism. . . . We spoke of the failure of the implementation of a program by Salinas.”

Revealing a mental state totally dependent on what he considers to be the “great personalities,” Fox, while still Governor of the state in 1995, said of his chat with Gorbachov: “I wouldn’t exchange those three hours for anything, except to govern Guanajuato.”

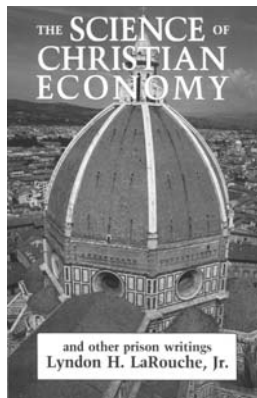
If Fox doesn’t know how he got to the “State of the World Forum,” we know how he returned: brainwashed. But, we also know who got him there. This “forum” was created after Gorbachov was overthrown in Russia. When his own reelection aspirations were defeated, George Bush created the “George Bush Library,” an NGO through which Bush channels funds on a world scale for his political activities. Gorbachov was named president of the “State of the World Forum,” explicitly as a means of financially supporting him personally. For her part, Thatcher also provides funds to the “forum,” an NGO. This is the same scheme used for the creation of the electoral organization “Friends of Fox.”

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