

Editorial

More Tsars Will Fall

The fall of the mis-government of “Bolivarian revolutionary” Hugo Chávez in Venezuela was overdue, as *EIR* had reported in its coverage in late January; but, Chávez’s overthrow is notably not a product of special Venezuelan circumstances, nor solely of the vicious dictatorial attempts of the “theoretical fascist” Chávez himself.

Rather, the imprisonment of Chávez should be seen in the same process with the imprisonment, days earlier, of the disgraced former “financial dictator” of Argentina, Domingo Cavallo, and the similar fate threatening the major (largely foreign) bankers of Argentina; and the same process causing the collapse of both of Colombia’s major political parties and their candidates, in the course of the ongoing Presidential campaign in that country.

The fact that Hugo Chávez had become *persona non grata* with the Bush Administration, whereas Domingo Cavallo was supported, backed, and defended by the IMF, the United States, and Britain, shows that “pressure of the international community” is not the force involved here, either. Rather, it is the ongoing, worsening collapse of the international financial system and its decimation of national economies around the world.

We said in our January 11, 2002 *Editorial*, citing Lyndon LaRouche’s pointing to the Argentina case, that as in the rapid succession of Russian governments from the fall of the Tsar to Lenin’s seizure of power, so one “Tsar” after another, one government after another will fall—in many countries—unless and until governments appear with entirely different axioms: dumping the IMF, putting it into bankruptcy, and *saving the people*, rather than killing the people for the sake of paying debt.

This was as clear in Venezuela as it is in Argentina: As we have reported, Chávez, in his last months in office, was taking more murderous austerity measures purely to please the IMF, in hopes that IMF backing and new loans would save him from his own desperate people. Furthermore, Venezuela’s new governors will be presented with the same dilemma, just as the suc-

ceeding governments of Cavallo’s overthrowers in Argentina have been. They will not escape it by privatizing Venezuela’s oil and other state companies; nor, by offering to guarantee steady cheap oil to the U.S. administration, so that the latter can survive blowing up the Middle East.

This process is particularly notable right now in Ibero-America—all of whose national economies, with the partial exception of Brazil’s, are ruined shadows of those of the time of the Malvinas War and the Mexico debt crisis of 1982. It will spread further in that continent; but it is a global process.

As long as governments cling to defending the axiomatic policy-shaping guidelines of the present international monetary institutions led by the IMF, each of those governments will be toppled by replacements, until the point is reached that those nations begin to disintegrate. Or, other governments will appear, which have none of the essential characteristics of the presently leading centending political parties of the Americas, Western Europe, and other points of the map.

This fate is stalking, as well, the succession of increasingly fascist and economically bankrupt Israeli governments since the 1995 murder of Yitzhak Rabin, who had come to believe in both peace and economic development for the region. To quote LaRouche, “An increasing number of leading Israelis have warned, [that] what Sharon is doing is putting the continued existence of Israel into immediate jeopardy. By the Nazi-like actions of Sharon and his accomplices, Israel is losing the all-important moral authority on which, in fact, its post-1945 emergence and existence has depended. If Israel does not have the kind of moral authority which Prime Minister Rabin expressed, when he made that ‘peace of the brave’ with Arafat, Israel could not survive in the world as it is coming to be today. That fact, is the so-called ‘bottom line.’

“There is no visible and sane policy in this matter but my own. Those who oppose me, whether they know this are not, are following a course which, in the end, would be the virtual, self-inflicted extinction of Israel.”