

Mexican Magazine Reports LaRouche vs. Castañeda

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One of Mexico's largest-circulation weeklies gave widespread coverage in its Sept. 22 edition to the ongoing campaign of the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) in Mexico against former foreign secretary and would-be drug legalizer Jorge Castañeda. Allowing the youth to speak in their own names, while quoting at some length from a press release on Castañeda's crimes currently being circulated by the LYM, *Siempre!* magazine not only unveiled Castañeda's anti-national allegiances, but effectively rebutted his highly-placed friends' charges that the attacks against him come from "neo-Nazis." Rather, the LYM is presented as a fast-growing organization committed to defense of national sovereignty and to uncovering truth, clearly becoming a significant factor in Mexican politics today.

The inescapable conclusion of *Siempre!*'s coverage is that Castañeda, currently aspiring to the Mexican Presidency, must answer to the charges of the LaRouche movement and others (1) that he supports U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney's preventive war doctrine, and the war against Iraq, in particular; (2) that he supports drug legalization, as does his patron, the megaspeculator George Soros; and (3) that he wants to sell out Mexico's natural resources, especially its oil wealth, to the International Monetary Fund and to looting through privatization by the "Houston Cartel" of Halliburton, Enron, Reliant, Schlumberger, and company.



A "cadre school" class of one of the LaRouche Youth Movement chapters in Mexico, this one in Mexico City on the weekend of Sept. 13-14.

The *Siempre!* coverage followed on the heels of a spate of nationwide coverage of two interventions by the LYM at September events sponsored by Castañeda's pre-electoral machine. At both the History Museum of Monterrey, and at the National Polytechnic Institute in Mexico City, Castañeda found himself fleeing the podium rather than answer the LYM's challenges to his treasonous policies as both President Vicente Fox's first foreign secretary and, currently, as a presidential pre-candidate.

Siempre! quotes one LYM member: "We are not neo-Nazis nor shock troops. Neither do we serve foreign interests like Jorge Castañeda, who is just another *pawn* of US Vice President Dick Cheney. . . ." What happened at the Polytechnic Institute (IPN), the LYM member told *Siempre!*, is that "We were 8 members of the organization, and the only thing we did was to ask the former foreign secretary to explain his positions. . . . He began to ignore the questions and kept reading his speech, and so the kids of the IPN themselves were asking, 'What's going on here? Why doesn't he answer?' And they were the ones who stood up to yell at him, 'Why don't you answer?'"

Siempre! goes on: "In the same vein, the LYM members make clear they are not shock troops, nor do they fear being characterized as such, because they always speak the truth, the principle upon which the organization acts. In addition to the fact that their work in the universities is peaceful, it is to share ideas with other students, to pull them out of the caves, as Plato says, and tell them . . . what the problem is, and the political, economic and social situation which we face currently, not only nationally, but worldwide. They are given a solution to this problem, and they are invited to join this international youth movement to create a cultural, economic, and scientific renaissance around the world."

It is notable that the LaRouche movement had just held well-attended youth cadre schools, or "universities on wheels," in both cities where Castañeda was "LaRouched"—Mexico City and Monterrey—on subjects ranging from mathematics, poetry and philosophy, to the need to industrialize their nation.

Siempre! concluded its coverage with a quote from another LaRouche organizer whom they interviewed: "What we intend to do . . . is carry out a revolution of ideas, of the educational, economic and political systems. We have to take up again the Mexican cultural heritage, that is, the legacy of Independence, of the Juárez Reform, of the Revolution, social justice, economic development with possibilities and opportunities for all, development based on science and technology, industrialization, etc. What is required is a new financial system, not only in Mexico, but internationally, because without this reform, there is no possibility of having viable solutions in any nation."