

Time for Counter-Coups in Latin America? - and Europe?

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What Happens when the accuser of terrorism are themselves the terrorists? – Namely the supra-national corporations and financial oligarchs acting in their own profit-driven interest, but under the direction of Washington and the protection of the US – NATO killer armies? Fear and confusion happens. Fear is the weapon of choice of the real terrorists, those who make us believe they are spreading and defending democracy. With fear they are subjugating the world to lick their feet – and worse. – But the people are waking up. All over the world. The linear Anglo-Zionist plans, like the PNAC – Plan for a New American Century – are imploding and their rubbles are becoming a dynamic, unpredictable mass-movement against this neoliberal, globalized One-World or New World Order tyranny.

Protesters – in the tens of millions – are in the streets all over the so-called Western World, the western population, oppressed and enslaved by their own elite, the descendants of the past and present odiously nefarious colonialists.

Latin America

In *Brazilian* cities millions are in the streets protesting against the illegal takeover of the Presidency in defiance of 54 million voters, by a corrupted parliament, and even worse, by vice-President, Michel Temer, who himself is accused of corruption and who would be ineligible to stand for election for any public office in Brazil during at least the next 8 years; and still worse, Michel Temer, who, as just release by WikiLeaks, has been for years a CIA informant. Under any measure of ethics and crime, he is a traitor of his own country. The process of suspending Dilma was driven by another corrupt member of Parliament, then President of the Lower House, Eduardo Cunha, accused of being engaged in a corruption scheme involving Petrobras and at least US\$ 40 million in bribes. He has since been removed from his parliamentary position.

Temer is ready to sell Brazil to the money vultures, Wall Street, FED, IMF, World Bank and he has 'promised' to privatize vital social and public services, so that the oligarchs get richer and the Brazilians have to fight again for their survival. He has already appointed Mr. Goldfajn as the new President of the Central Bank of Brazil. Goldfajn was chief economist of Brazil's largest private bank, Itaú; he was a former Vice-Governor of the Bank do Brazil, the largest bank of Latin America, a private bank, though majority controlled by the Government. He also worked for the IMF and the World Bank. He is a good indication of the monetary politics Brazil is going to play during the next 180 days.

This dirty and criminal maneuver to oust the democratically elected Dilma Rousseff has been prepared for years, way before Dilma Rousseff's overwhelming first election win in 2010, by Brazil's financial and corporative oligarchs, commanded by the long and bloody fingers of Washington, as has been the case for Latin America during most of the last century – time and again, the installation of right wing military dictators who killed ruthlessly any resistance – resistance to the merciless looting of the riches of Latin America, – the Open Veins of Latin America, as so aptly described in late Eduardo Galeano's master piece. After a brief interruption of about 30 years, when South America became a vanguard of democracy for the world, the political power game in Washington's "backyard" seems to regain momentum. Let's just look at Argentina, Venezuela, Honduras, and Peru, with similar political interference going on also in Ecuador and Bolivia.

Protesters are in the streets of *Argentina*; hundreds of thousands are demonstrating against their neo-fascist president Mauricio Macri's neoliberal assault on the population. Not even six months in office, put there by the same foreign handlers responsible for the coup in Brazil, Macri has managed to roll back Argentina's economy to the levels of 2004 / 2005, with poverty at 35% by April 2016, up from about 12% last November.

Unemployment and inflation are exploding, after Macri terminated contracts of more than 125,000 state employees, giving an example to private industry to do likewise. He increased the price of gas by more than 500% and doubled the tariffs for public transportation. He also vowed more was to come. On the day of his inauguration, 10 December 2015, he set the peso afloat, triggering a devaluation of close to 60% from an exchange rate of 9.4 pesos to the US dollar in November 2015. It has since recovered slightly, hovering presently at around 14 pesos to the dollar, a reduction in value of about 30% since last November. The ensuing inflation is enormous, sinking a vast segment of Argentinians into poverty. And this is only the beginning.

In *Peru*, just a few weeks before the first round of Presidential and Congressional elections on 10 April 2016, the five-member Electoral Board disqualified the two presidential candidates, centrist economist Julio Guzman and wealthy former Governor, Cesar Acuña, who were distant second and third after Keiko Fujimori (the daughter of former President Alberto Fujimori, currently jailed for massive corruption and crimes on humanity). They were dismissed for minor reasons, the former for alleged non-compliance with electoral procedures, the latter for a relatively small case of favor-buying. Both pretexts for disqualification are ridiculous when compared with the enormous corruption the Fujimori family, including Keiko, is known for.

The direct beneficiaries were the fourth and fifth placed candidates, Veronica Mendoza, a 35-year old leftist Congresswomen from Cusco and the 77-year old big-business favorite, Pedro Pablo Kuczynski, also known as PPK, who has a US passport, and served as Minister of Energy and Prime Minister in previous governments. He has an abysmal record of corruption, involving bribes of US\$ 140 million from the US Hunt Oil corporation. After the dismissal of Guzman and Acuña, Ms. Mendoza ascended rapidly to second place in the polls before the first 10 April ballot, leaving Kuczynski behind. This was intolerable for the Peruvian elite and – of course – for Washington.

With a massive campaign of slander against Veronica and her denigration as a 'communist', all funded by Peru's wealthy families who control the country and by Washington, PPK came in second, narrowly beating Veronica in the first election round. The narrow defeat is highly disputed not only by the Peruvian left. This leaves, for now, Keiko and PPK for the run-off on 5 June 2016. The Peruvian elite and Washington are safe with two business- and Washington friendly candidates in the run-off. So it would seem. But there is a massive discontent brewing among people from all political strata who are realizing that this first ballot-run on

10 April was fraught with extreme fraud like no other election before in the last 40 years. People are organizing, taking to the streets by the tens of thousands – demanding that the entire election process be canceled, with an interim President until new elections must be called within a year. Some even fear a military coup.

In *Venezuela*, the right wing, directed and funded by Washington, knows no scruples in destroying the country, its solid social fabric and well reputed medical system. Everything is falling apart and 'failing': food and water shortages, electricity blackouts – lack of pharmaceuticals and medical equipment. As a result, hospitals are collapsing, new-born babies are dying, and countless patients are waiting for medical attention. Inflation is soaring.

This social break-down is a classical. It is a US-directed and local right-wing executed boycott and interruption of supply chains for food and basic services. It is a rehash of how the CIA prompted the 1973 military coup in Chile that brought 17 years of horror and assassinations to Chileans. The Venezuelan kind is just so much more sophisticated, as Washington has gained invaluable experience from 'regime changes' fabricated around the world in the last 40 years. Venezuelans taking to the streets in masses – mostly unreported by the bought mainstream media – protesting against foreign influenced violence.

President Maduro is struggling. There is no halting the onslaught of the North, except by banning foreign media that are spreading lies and slander and – by a military clamp down. This is not propagating military violence, but right wing foreign funded violence has to be stopped. If the only way to save the Bolivarian Revolution is by declaring Martial Law, with tanks controlling the streets and a clamp-down on western lies and violence spreading propaganda – so be it.

In *Honduras*, President Juan Orlando Hernández came to power through a Washington instigated and supported coup in 2009 (now even admitted by Killery) against left-leaning President Zelaya, who was the clear front-runner for the upcoming elections. Under Orlando Hernandez's tyranny, always protected by Washington, the crime and murder rate, already the highest in Central America, is increasing drastically. Oppression of free speech and political expression is rampant. The environment, natural resources, like forests (illegal logging) and water (privatization), gold and other minerals, is rabidly raped. Environmental protesters are being chased and gunned down. Last March, the horrendous murder of *environmental* and indigenous rights *activist* Berta Cáceres has sparked violent clashes in *Honduras. Here, repression went one step too far. People's protests will not relent.*

In Ecuador and Bolivia, destabilizing CIA directed Washington trained groups and 'NGOs' are at work, buying support among indigenous people. In Bolivia they are recruiting ('buying') 'street kids' to form anti-government protest groups to be infiltrated into the heartland of the pluri-national state of Bolivia, comprising some 36 cultures based on the number of indigenous languages.

In the case of Ecuador, the very people made unhappy by Rafael Correa's concession to oil giants, concessions he had to make under US pressure, are now being 'destabilized', mobilized against the government by the CIA and its local handlers. President Correa's hands were tied. Not yielding to the pressure may have meant death – death for himself and / or for his family. It happened to Jaime Roldos, one of his predecessor, who was killed in 1981 in an air plane 'accident' – which, as officially revealed by declassified documents, was

not an accident, but part of the CIA directed Operation Condor against leftist South American leaders. Likewise, the Washington instigated attempted police and military coup of 30 September 2010 against President Correa, was a clear signal that assassination is not off the table – if he doesn't behave according to Washington's dictate. Of course, this is not enough, regime change in both Ecuador and Bolivia are on the hegemon's final agenda. It looks very much like Latin America is going through a new 'Operation Condor'.

Interestingly, Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister, Sergeí Tyabkov, warned Washington not to interfere in Latin America's internal affairs. He pointed out Argentina, Brazil and Venezuela as the most obvious cases.

Europe

In *Europe*, the real terrorists, the Unites States of war Crimes and its vassal, the European Union with its non-transparent sub-layers of corrupt institutions, the so-called, but missnamed European Central Bank (ECB), the European Commission (EC – a non-elected dishonest and secretive sub-layer of the EU), the IMF – have wreaked economic and humanitarian havoc in the southern fringe states which they call humiliatingly "PIGS" – Portugal, Ireland, Greece and Spain. Massive anti-imperial demonstrations take place on a daily basis. France may be a surprise follower of radical protests.

The people of *France*, since long no friends of their President, François Hollande, whose popularity dropped last March to 17% and may have shrunk to below 10% after his forcing through a new highly controversial labor law by decree, anti-democratically avoiding a parliamentary debate. After the fact, he is now pushing it through parliament. He wowed to stay firm and not to repeal it no matter what.

People are taking to the streets all over France by the hundreds of thousands, maybe millions. Syndicates have announced an open-ended general strike, as long as it takes to reverse this labor rights-destroying law – which gives corporations the right to hire and fire as they please, abrogating almost all social labor protection. These neoliberal anti-labor measures are to please industrial and financial euro-oligarchs. They are already inciting strong anti-EU sentiments which, combined with EU-euro discontent of the people of other EU members, may bring about a collapse of this inhumane, un-solidary corrupt so-called European Union.

In *Greece* people are succumbing to famine, lacking health care and are suffering extreme and seemingly unstoppable plunder of public assets and social services – plunder of Life Capital. People die by the thousands from mal-nutrition, lack of medical attention, and outright famine, all induced by endless and merciless austerity programs imposed by – and seemingly uncontested by the ruling so-called leftwing Syriza party – the inhuman, criminal troika (EC, ECB, IMF) – all driven by the Anglo-Zionist-owned and directed FED and Wall Street. It is amazing how the rest of Europe of this rotten European Union, corrupt to the bones, is just on-looking, hapless and spineless as they are, dreaming that it will never happen to them. The EU vassals are but an ignorant bunch of ego-centrists and political boot-lickers.

But the Greek are awakening from their shock. After the 5 July 2015 anti-bailout referendum was overwhelmingly accepted by 61%, the government – the same government that called

for the referendum – turned around taking exactly measures to the contrary, accepting all the austerity conditions and worse, presented to Syriza by the troika before the referendum. The shock was indescribable. – As of this day, people cannot understand what happened.

Very likely there was (and still is) foul play involved, possibly including death threats, similar to the ones that may have prompted then Prime Minister George Papandreou, when after an emergency meeting in November 2011 in Cannes with Mme. Merkel and Mr. Sarkozy, he returned in a hurry to Athens, canceling the anti-bailout (anti-EU) referendum – and immediately resigning as PM. Now Greece is beset by strikes, paralyzing and destroying the little that's left of the economy – eventually and hopefully leading to GREXIT – the only light at the end of the tunnel.

In Spain, the Movement 15 (M15 - a consolidated movement of the 'indignados', the

'outraged', that started in Madrid on 15 May 2011) celebrated its 5th Anniversary, prompting millions of outraged people to march on 500 cities throughout the world, in a coordinated and solidary effort to fight the neoliberal assault on humanity – an onslaught that uses three types of weapons: tanks and bombs; media lie-propaganda and slander; and financial strangulation and subordination through debt.

Spain is also preparing for a second round of elections on 26 June, called by King Felipe VI, because the left, led by the Socialist Party (PSOE- Spanish acronym), was unable to form a government. The newly founded left coalition of *Podemos* ('We Can') – and the United Left – "United-Podemos" – may have good chances to challenge the second largest party, the PSOE, at the upcoming ballot. But there is still the right wing PP (*Partido Popular*) with the neoliberal Mariano Rajoy to beat, not an easy feat, especially with the notorious foreign (Washington-EU) influenced propaganda, as well as voter and ballot manipulation.

In fact, the latest polls indicate PP ahead with 28.2%; followed by "United-Podemos" 26.2%; the Socialists (PSOE), 18.9%; and finally 13.2% for Ciudadanos, the new center-right party.

If the next elections will again be indecisive, which looks very possible judging from this early poll (it's the principle: divide to reign), King Felipe will most likely give this time the PP, Rajoy, the opportunity to form a government. Another right-wing Rajoy-type government may however bring Spain, especially through the M15 movement, to the edge of a revolution.

The *UK* – is in a class by itself – with a strong people's movement towards BREXIT. It reflects the popular discontent with the EU and with PM David Cameron's submission to the non-transparent rules of the EU and its unelected European Commission. This video <u>http://subterrnews.blogspot.com/2016/05/brexit-movie-full-film.html</u> illustrates fairly well what the EU has promised but is actually doing to the UK; not much different from what the EU technocracy is doing to the rest of Europe.

If the Brits succeed against the will of the Masters in Washington and Brussels to vote for exiting the EU – and if the vote is actually accepted – then dynamics of European discontent may well bring about a collapse of the European Union and its fake, unbacked and unsustainable currency, the euro. That in itself would be an enormous blow to the US empire – a blow it may not survive. The consequences might be tremendous, including a disintegration of NATO which could and might and hopefully would be a death knell for the US hegemon.

Middle East, North Africa and the Rest of the World

This criminal universal onslaught of the US-NATO forces is also engulfing the *Middle East, North Africa and Eastern Europe* with foreign-bread wars and armed proxy conflicts, causing millions and millions of refugees in the region – *refugees* that are eventually seeking a new life, of all places, in the countries of their hangmen – Europe. And Europe – still the colonialists of hither-day – rejects them miserably, prevents their entry with walls, yes walls – remember the Berlin Wall? – and barbed wires, chasing them away with tear gas and rubber bullets, mothers with babies and small kids. Some are hurt, some are even killed. The media of course does not report on them. Once they become refugees they are forgotten souls.

What an abject shame Europe is! About 1.3 million refugees have entered Europe since the beginning of 2015, a territory comprising 28 members plus two non-members (Norway and Switzerland), of about 4.5 million square kilometers and a population of 500 million. The standard of ethics of the Europeans is so low that – destroying the homes and homelands of the refugees yes, but taking them in and giving them shelter – no. By comparison, Lebanon with a surface of 10,500 km2 and a population of about 4.5 million, is giving shelter to 1.5 million refugees from the Middle East and North African Region. Such a Europe, such a European Union is not worthy of survival. Inhumanity on such a scale is unsustainable – thanks god!

NATO, armed to the teeth, despite all the promises to the contrary after the fall of the Berlin Wall, is rapidly expanding eastward, encircling Russia, including occupying *Ukraine*. Ukraine has been for hundreds of years an integral part of Russia, but it is a crucially strategic and economic piece of land for the West to dominate on its journey towards world hegemony. Therefore, US-NATO instigated a bloody coup in February 2014, installed a Nazi-Government in Kiev, committing heinous war crimes in the eastern Donbass Region of Ukraine – a civil war massacre for which the ruthless west is blaming Russia. Naturally, with accusations fabricated by the bought presstitute media. – But slowly, people start seeing through the increasingly flagrant fog of lies.

The onslaught doesn't stop here. The Empire of Chaos and Killing has been and is steadfastly continuing 'pivoting' to the East, to China, where Washington is already displaying close to 60% of its Navy fleet in the South China Sea. The US air force is also simultaneously and provocatively over-flying Russian and Chinese sea- and land space, and US war ships are patrolling the Baltic Sea close to and often infringing on Russian territorial waters – then accusing Russia of threatening them with their fighter jets. Yet, the chess geniuses, Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping, are mastering the geopolitical chessboard not only to protect their countries' frontiers, but also to save humanity from a WWIII bloodbath and possibly from extinction.

To a distant observer this looks like the end game; hopefully not the end game for the world as we know it, but for the western tyrant. It is like a ferocious beast, lashing out and around with deadly force before its total demise, attempting to destroy and devour as much as possible on its way to oblivion. All, We the People, who have been pillaged for the last century by this predatory force, have to do is avoiding a nuclear war – which could well mean the end of humanity. That's 'All' – that's A Lot. We have few options. One of them, perhaps the most viable and bloodless one, is defeating globalization, the One or New World Order by breaking down the hypocritical and fraudulent EU, going back – or rather fast-forwarding – to the concept of local production for local markets with local currencies and public banks that actually work for the people and the peoples' economies. This would help conquering the monster's fraudulent economy with its worthless, debt-driven dollar-based monetary system. For the new sovereign countries' international trade, a Russia-China emanating totally dollar / euro delinked alternative and international transfer system may not be far off. Its roll-out to the world as a viable option is essential.

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