

## Ibero-American Continent Mobilizes ‘There Is Life After the Death of the I.M.F.’

**O**n Oct. 12, the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement (M.S.I.A.) carried out a continental mobilization, the keystone of which was a forum held in Mexico City, to pull together the forces needed to bury the International Monetary Fund.

The initiative was joined by the Movement for National Identity and Ibero-American Integration (MINeII), founded by Col. Mohamed Ali Seineldin, the Argentine nationalist leader. Also joining were other political movements, professional and civic associations, and a number of labor organizations, including the Colombian oil workers, the Argentine farm women, Peruvian port workers, and the Stone Workers’ Union and the Federation of Construction Workers of Venezuela.

In addition, prominent individuals sent messages of support—including Panama’s General Manuel Noriega, who is imprisoned, a Bush POW in the United States, and Domingo F. Maza Zavala, the former president of the

Venezuelan Academy of Economic Sciences who is currently a director of Venezuela’s Central Bank.

The level of mobilization shows the hemisphere’s growing resistance to the I.M.F. and its genocidal policies.

### ‘Time for Justice’

The reason for this was explained by Lyndon LaRouche, who spoke in a videotaped address that was shown in Mexico City and at the other forums. “Argentina’s almost not a country any more. Chile is a corpse which is nicely embalmed. It’s not a real economy, it’s an illusion, it’s virtual reality. Peru is almost destroyed. Central America—don’t talk about Central America. Colombia is a narcoterrorist dictatorship by George Bush’s drug-pushing friends. Venezuela can blow, it’s on the edge, they’re out to crush it. Brazil is ready for civil war, or some other form of disintegration.”

But, there is hope. “The power, the economic power, the authority of the institutions, which have imposed these

policies over the past 30 years, is crashing. And therefore, we have a moment of a vacuum in history. This is the time you can intervene, because those in power are at their moment of greatest relative weakness. And, that’s our opportunity, because the time for justice has come. Justice is not going to be delivered to us; but, *the opportunity to win that victory, is now presented to us.* And therefore, we should seize it.”

The only real policy proposal on the table with which to intervene, is the “LaRouche Plan,” more formally known as the Emergency Bill for the Bankruptcy Reorganization of the Economy. This draft bill, which is already before the Congresses of Mexico and Argentina, calls for declaring moratoria on the foreign debt, imposing exchange controls, establishing a new international financial system to replace the I.M.F., and eliminating autonomous central banks, replacing them with national banks to issue credit for infrastructure and the production of needed physical goods.

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many others;

- the denial of essential medications and procedures to diabetics, severe asthmatics, people with HIV and life-threatening conditions;
- the devastation of the working poor, who cannot afford to purchase life-saving medications or procedures;
- the cutoff of persons seeking rehabilitation from drug addiction.

In addition, my constituents have presented me with petitions representing over 10 percent of the people in my legislative district, along with many in nearby neighborhoods, asking that I take action toward the impeachment of Gov. Ridge. Over 7,000 people in my

area, of all colors and ethnic backgrounds, have signed their names, demanding action against the governor. This is an overwhelming demand for action, which I respect.

Gov. Ridge must sit down with our legislative leadership, including the Democratic Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee and other pertinent legislators, and work out a plan whereby adequate medical services will be provided to those being cut off of medical assistance.

At the same time, I am calling for public hearings, to thoroughly document the deadly impact of Gov. Ridge’s actions. I believe, based on the information already at hand, plus the additional information we will gather as people’s health further deteriorates, that Gov. Ridge’s actions will rise to the level of an impeachable offense, and a resolution to

impeach Ridge will be introduced into the House of Representatives.

The objective of impeachment would be to charge the governor with gross misbehavior in office under Article VI of the Pennsylvania Constitution, since he knew, or should have known, that his medical cuts would result in the wrongful death or injury of innocent persons. I warned Gov. Ridge on the floor of the House of Representatives on May 15, that when Pennsylvanians begin to die as a result of his cuts in the state medical assistance program, that, upon proper complaint, I foresee an indictment being considered against him.

An impeachment resolution will demonstrate that the people will hold government leaders responsible for the Gingrich-style, mean-spirited policies that cause injury and loss of innocent lives. . . .”