

TALK FOR PETER BOHER/MIKE DROHAN: 5/18/95

NEOLIBERALISM AND RESISTANCE IN MEXICO.

NEOLIBERALISM

CONCENTRATION OF WEALTH IN THE HANDS OF A (MOBILE) FEW

BY BREAKING DOWN NATIONAL PROTECTIONS FROM INTN'L CORPORATIONS

BY SELLING OFF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

BY LOOTING THE MIDDLE CLASS'S REAL AND SOCIAL INCOME

BY PREPARING OR WILLINGNESS FOR CIVIL WAR WITH POOR.

SO THAT THE USE OF LABOR, LAND AND RESOURCES ARE REDUCED TO ONLY
THE LOGIC OF THE MARKET.

NAFTA -- JAN. 1994 - SYMBOLIZED THESE NEW POLICIES AND MEXICO WAS
THE MODEL.

QUESTION: WERE THEY GOING TO BE ABLE TO HOLD THIS ALL TOGETHER?

RESISTANCE

1. ^MEZLN IN CHIAPAS (ZAPATISTAS)

NAFTA AS DEATH CERTIFICATE

INDIGENOUS BASED, NATIONALISTIC MOVEMENT CALLING FOR A
TRANSITION GOVERNMENT OF CIVIL SOCIETY TO CREATE DEMOCRACY.

SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED NAFTA AS A DEATH CERTIFICATE AND
ARTICLE 27 REFORMS BY SALINAS.

1. EZLN IN CHIAPAS (CONT.)

IMMEDIATELY CONNECTED WITH:

- A. INDIGENOUS PEOPLE QUITO IN 1990
- B. ANTI NAFTA FORCES
- C. INDEPENDENT POLITICAL FORCES IN MEXICO

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE:

MILITARY PROBES AND THEN TALKS

- A. SALINAS - MILITARY RESPONSE AND THEN PEACE TALKS WITH CAMACHO SOLIS IN SAN CHRISTOBAL CATEDRAL

FOREIGNERS, PROFESSIONALS, DUPING THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE INTO REBELLION.

- B. ZEDILLO -- MILITARY RESPONSE AFTER FEB. 8TH AND THEN TALKS IN SAN ANDRES LARRAIMAR IN LATE APRIL AND MAY

WE ARE ALL MEXICANS. THIS IS NOT A WAY, ONLY AN ARMED CONFLICT - A DISAGREEMENT OVER TACTICS --

THE ZAPATISTAS SHOULD BECOME A LEGAL POLITICAL FORCE AND UNTIL THEN THEY CAN HAVE CIVIL CONTROL OVER FOUR AREAS IN CHIAPAS.

- C. NEXT TALKS: JUNE 7TH

CIVIL RESPONSE

- A. GENERALIZED SUPPORT FOR POSITIONS AND FOR PEACE
- B. WRITING AND HUMOR
- C. ORGANIZATIONALLY: CND STALLED AFTER FEB.4-5, 1995
- D. CONAI -- RUIZ GARCIA -- STILL SUPPORTED.
- E. UNABLE TO STOP MILITARY ACTION OR GET TALKS IN DF

2. POLITICAL PARTIES

- A. PRI -- RULER SINCE THE 1920'S.
Infighting - Colosio assassination. (Baja)
Ruiz Massieu, Attorney General; Jailing of his Brother
Jailing of Salinas's Brother; Carlos' exile.
PRI/PAN alliance.
NO POLICY CHANGE.
QUESTION OF ZEDILLO'S LOYALTY
- B. PAN -- SINCE 1939
FOUR GOVERNOR SEATS. FIRST IN BAJA IN 89.
RECENTLY IN JALISCO (FEB.)
165,000 MEMBERS.
2ND IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AUGUST 94. 9.2 MILLION
OFFICE OF PG
CONGRESS IN 97; PRESIDENCY IN 2000
- C. PRD
FORMED AFTER 1988 CARDENAS VICTORY IN NATIONAL ELECTIONS
NOT ORGANIZED AS ELECTORALLY AS PAN
CAME IN THIRD IN 1995 AFTER PAN
PROBLEM WITH CARDENAS - NEW LEADER NEEDED.
ISOLATED FROM ZEDILLO (GRANADEROS)
REJECTED BY EZLN, BUT FORCE IN CND
- D. PARTIES TO COCOPA (COMISION DE CONCORDIA AND PACIFICAION)
- E. EZLN DID NOT BACK ANY PARTY. CALLED FOR NEW GOVERNMENT.

3. LABOR MOVEMENT

1. ORGANIZED INTO THREE LARGE CENTRALS

CTM FSTSE FSEBS == CONGRESO DE TRABAJADORES

2. DOMINATED BY THE 95 YEAR MAN NAMED FIDEL VALASQUEZ ANTAGONISTIC TO THE EZLN -- ANNILATE THEM..

3. SOME INDEPENDENTS

A. UNIVERSITARIOS

B. AUTOMOTRICES (VK)

C. SUTUAR. -- RUTA 100

D. FAT

4. DEMOCRATIC CURRENTS

A. LA CNTE IN THE SNTE.

5. MAY DAY DECISION ---

OPENING -- RESPONDED TO BY INDEPENDENTS AND CURRENTS

MILLION IN THE ZOCOLO

CALLS FOR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN EARLY JUNE.

POSSIBILITY OF JOINING UP...

4. BARZONISTAS

CONSTANT PRESENCE IN ZACATECAS. STILL HAS TRACTORS

MOVEMENT OF LANDED FARMERS WHO CAN'T GET CREDIT

STRONGER ABOUT DEVALUATION AND DROUGHT IN THE NORTH

250,000 MEMBERS, OFFICES IN EVERY STATE, MORE MILITANT

CONNECTING UP WITH OTHER MOVEMENTS (TEACHERS IN Z)

IN THE MAY DAY MARCH....

IMPORTANT FORCE IN THE NORTH (MUCH NEEDED DIVISION ANALOGY)

CONCLUSION

MOVEMENT CENTERS ARE STRENGTHENING, NEEDED TO BE LINKED UP.

CRISIS OF DECEMBER 1994

1. ZEDILLO AFTER DECEMBER 1ST ANNOUNCED COMMISSION FOR PEACE COCOPA
2. RICH DIDN'T LIKE IT; WORRIED ABOUT MOVEMENT AWAY FROM PRI; TOOK THEIR MONEY OUT OF THE COUNTRY.
3. SHORT TERM DEBT COULD NOT BE PAID ON TIME.
4. DECEMBER 20TH DEVALUATION -- PESO VALUED HALVED.
5. DEFINITION OF PROBLEM : SHORT TERM LIQUIDITY. DEBT TO WALL STREET. \$28 BILLION DOLLARS DUE IN JANUARY.
6. \$50 BILLION DOLLAR DEBT PACKAGE -- US FOR \$20, INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FOR THE BALANCE IF AUSTERITY AND FURTHER SALES.

EFFECTS

1. CONTINUED SALES OF ASSETS
GAS PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION
PORTS : 65 OF EXPORTS
PEMEX -- PRIMARY TO SECONDARY DEFINITIONS
2. SPEED UP OF NAFTA: ELIMINATION OF PROTECTIONS BUILT INTO BANKING, RAILROAD
3. 750,000 TO ONE MILLION JOB LOSS SINCE JANUARY.
4. BASIC FOOD AND UTILITY PRICES DOUBLING.
5. BANK LOANS: CHANGE MONTHLY.
80 % FOR MORTGAGE
100 % PERSONAL
120 % CREDIT CARD

6. MEXICAN RICH WITH FUNDS IN DOLLARS GOT MUCH RICHER IN MEXICAN (PESO) TERMS; PRIDE SUFFERED.
7. IVA TAX WENT UP 50%;
8. CCE CALLING FOR NEW FINANCIAL SYSTEM, INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT AND NATIONAL INDUSTRY.
9. CALI CARTEL ACCESS TO HIGHER LEVELS OF GOVT. \$20 MILLION IN CASH --

SUPPORT:

1. COALITION IN SUPPORT OF MEXICAN PEOPLE.
2. NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY (EL PASO) - CECELICA REDRIGUEZ
3. LETTERS TO GOVERNMENT -- VIA TIEMPO/ LA JORNADA.
4. THINK TRILATERALLY.