

# THE SECOND REVOLUTION

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**Uprising in Mexico, Mexican President Murdered**  
by Daniel Andrews

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As their hardships have multiplied in the ongoing economic collapse, the people of Mexico have finally risen up and overthrown their government. Weekly riots in Mexico City grew to a climax this week as angry people from all over the country converged on the object of their anger. There was a riot right through the presidential residence and the president was thrown from a balcony.

With most of their army indisposed in Chiapas or protecting the maquiladoras along the US border, the government was left virtually undefended. Many of the remaining troops threw down their guns or joined the protesters. Even now, they are forming a federation of people's councils, forging a system based upon direct democracy to replace the corrupt and aristocratic government they have deposed. This is the fruition of a grassroots movement which has been growing in this country for over a decade. This movement actually had its roots back in the 1990's in the early strikes in the maquiladoras and in the Zapatista rebellion.

After NAFTA was signed, Mexico became a playland for the rich, a place where they could cheaply build huge mansions overlooking the squalor of the Mexican people who were oppressed to increase their riches. The maquiladoras—border town factories—were the agents of oppression and exploitation. Workers suffered intolerable conditions, long hours and grueling work for wages which were barely sufficient to prevent them and their families from starving to death. In the 1990's, workers began efforts to form unions. As the efforts spread through the maquiladoras, the movement turned into a war among workers, their employers, the Mexican government, and the government-backed unions. In recent years, strikes and retaliations have kept the area paralyzed. Yet the movement has spread across the entire nation as strikes have become the rule of order everywhere. This eventually led up to the massive national general strike which began two weeks ago.

The strike movement has grown hand in hand with a call for agrarian reform and self-government led by indigenous peoples. This began with the Zapatista uprising as an army was formed to protect the people of various villages while they sought to retake possession of the lands around them. In the late 1990's, the government began to amass troops in Chiapas, where the Zapatista rebellion was headquartered. In spite of the series of slaughters and retaliations which followed, the Zapatistas grew stronger and the rebellion spread to other regions. In various areas, villagers began to take back the lands around them and reorganize their villages.

Two years ago all of these various movements began to federate, and at that time it became obvious that the Mexican government would have to fight to maintain control of the country. The US increased military funding—supposedly to fight the "drug war." The number of US military advisers in Mexico increased as well. Yet there was little the president of Mexico could do against a movement which seemed to pop up independently everywhere.

Now, while there are elements of the military still fighting in Chiapas and elsewhere, the government has fallen and the people have begun the great work of building a true democracy. Already the maquiladoras are being expropriated by the workers. Everywhere people are taking over their own destiny, and sprawling mansions are falling to the torch. Property of Mexican, US and other international corporations is falling back into the hands of the Mexican people. But, even as they are so busy, many are beginning to look to the north, watching for the US response.

The people of Mexico offer solidarity for the struggling workers and citizens of the US, but they fear the response of the US government. While reports in the US have tended to play up the rebellion as the work of radical communist terrorists who have gained control of the crowds,

this reporter believes that there is a strong undercurrent of sympathy in the United States on the part of the majority of citizens who have suffered under global capitalism.

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**The US Threatens Retaliation**  
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This evening, the president of the United States made a statement condemning the revolution in Mexico. He claims that radical terrorists have gained control of a population rife with discontent. He cited the seizure of property belonging to US citizens and corporations, and acts of violence committed against US citizens. Then he told the US public about the murder of a Major Anderson, a member of US special forces on loan as a military adviser to help out with the drug war in Mexico. Murdered by rioters in Mexico City, Major Anderson was widely believed to work closely with the paramilitary death squads which are terrorizing the countryside. The President did not mention this connection.

"Where US citizens or property are threatened," the president stated, "we must retaliate with force. And, when US citizens are murdered, we must have retribution. It is our duty to rescue democracy in Mexico and protect US interests. Therefore, I am alerting Congress, and the American public, that we are preparing to send troops into Mexico to restore order. Rest assured, we shall put a stop to this menace at our border."

And tonight, as if in response, a number of US diplomats and corporate officials were forcefully herded together and expelled from Mexico via plane. There is also a rumor that attacks on US military installations have been stepped up. No one has any doubt but that the president will declare war on Mexico. The People's Federation of Mexico is trying to coordinate the resistance.

Though defiant in action, the Mexican people are frightened of US involvement. They have been dreading invasion by their northern neighbors because the US took over the northern half of their country in the last war. They are doing a magnificent job of organizing, and it should be recognized that all of the people are working extraordinarily well together. Everyone is holding up their responsibilities, working together to transform their society in the face of overwhelming odds.

The People's Federation, aided by officers of the former government military, are building a new army and striving to coordinate the activities of the militias which have formed all over the country. The biggest thorn in their side may soon be plucked out: the hostile army remnant in Chiapas has finally agreed to talk with the People's Federation. Word is that the holdouts were faced with massive defections. With a reunited military, Mexico might be able to put up a strong resistance to US invasion.

In the United States, intervention is strongly supported by Congress and the military. The media is howling for vengeance in the death of Major Anderson, and the business community is crying over the loss of seized assets. It remains to be seen whether the US public, suffering in their own right under global capitalism, will rise to the defense of their oppressors. Class consciousness has risen tremendously since the 1990's, and the US public no longer serves so blindly as they once did. A strong public outcry could take the steam out of any military action. We must do our best to make this outcry loud and strident.

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