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## Taiwan's Link to Latin America

**T**here is a strong Oriental influence in the ambitious psychological warfare being waged against leftists in Latin America. The two sources of this bizarre transpacific cooperation are the government of Taiwan and Causa International. The latter is a political movement run by former South Korean CIA colonel Bo Hi Pak, longtime right-hand man to the Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

The United States may be providing the money that fuels the Salvadoran government's fight against leftist guerrillas, but the "real expertise" comes from Taiwan. This is the word of Salvadoran military authorities, including two members of the armed forces' chief of staff. "The Taiwanese are the real masters" of anticommunist defense, one officer told Jon Lee Anderson.

The Nationalist Chinese regime on Taiwan was established by the late Chiang Kai-shek 36 years ago when he was driven off the Chinese mainland by Mao Tse-tung's communist armies. As experts in survival, the Taiwanese government holds invitation-only courses in political warfare for Latin American military officers, teaching them how to combat communism and how to profit from Chiang's mistakes.

The beneficiaries of Taiwan's instruction have repaid their teachers by maintaining diplomatic relations with Taipei long after most countries have dropped the Nationalists in favor of Peking.

Causa International, generously financed by Moon's Unification Church, employs similar techniques, inviting Latin American military men and influential civilians on all-expenses-paid trips

abroad for seminars on common problems. Causa's influence is especially pervasive in Uruguay and Honduras.

Also deeply involved in Latin America is the far-flung World Anti-Communist League, originally set up by the South Korean and Taiwanese governments in the late 1960s. In the summer of 1984, Anderson met a military instructor sent by the Japanese chapter of the league to train Miskito Indians fighting the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua.

By then the league was already the key vehicle for aid to the Nicaraguan contras, with behind-the-scenes encouragement from high Reagan administration officials. Contra leaders have acknowledged that Taiwan has supplied them with military hardware.

The World Anti-Communist League's current president is retired major general John Singlaub, whose ties with the Taiwanese and South Korean governments go back many years. Singlaub was with the Office of Strategic Services (a World War II predecessor of the CIA) in China, where he served as a liaison officer to Chiang Kai-shek.

In the late 1970s, Singlaub commanded U.S. troops in South Korea, until he was forced to retire after publicly rebuking President Carter for suggesting the possible withdrawal of U.S. troops from the country.

In addition to his success as a fund-raiser for the contras, Singlaub maintains his ties to the two Asian anticommunist governments. Latin American members of the league also said it was through Singlaub that they received invitations to Causa International seminars in South Korea.