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DISPATCHES FROM LATIN AMERICA



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Subcomandante
Marcos
Zapatista
Chiapas.
unrescued as
Rafael Guillén
The Unmaking 201

Colombia —
didn't elect
Mayors until
12 yrs. ago (2000)
Andrés Bello
Pres.

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land reform

Colosio assassination

Compesinos

Zapatistas

Chiapas

Marxist movement

What do the Compesinos want? - P194

- ① good farm equipment
- ② a dignified life with a little rest
- ③ education for children to be whatever they like

Marcos - 33 guerrilla leader Zapatistas
observed with Salinas

Only way to win - 1994

Colosio - murdered

Salinas

Zedillo

Indian Uprising in Chiapas
reform

Cardenas

PRI losing its grip [Diego Fernandez de Cevallos]

Compesinos paid to stay on farms
Newspint under control of government
Agricision ~~is~~ about politics

PRI
PRD
PAN

The TV debate - only 40 million tuned in
no audience
Cameras could only show upper torso

NO second debate

Alberto Fujimori vs. Vargas Llosa 1994

a neo liberal who admiral dr. Thatcher

marco got 27.6% Fujimori 24.6%

Fuj. won election by 25%

Llosa went back to Spain

Shining Path

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Che died 1967

Latin Americas
21 nations

departed Argentina 1953
a stop in Bolivia

"the hawk angel"

9 months in Guatemala

1954 arrived in Mexico (2 years)

met Fidel in Udex 1955

Nov 1956 sailed for Cuba

refused to bath - til his shoe laces

kept diaries - released in 1995

left Cuba 1965 in Congo

letter farewell to Fidel (p 82)

Alaide Foppa - great friend of my mother -
5 children - lived in Mexico but from
Guatemala - sons killed - husband
walked into traffic - Alaide tortured
1980 - Christmas.

Columbia $\frac{P19}{1999}$ - 3rd largest - Foreign Aids
#289 million

40 million
size of Central Europe 1.5 Bil over 3 yrs.

1986 trip to FARC headquarter - 60 miles from Bogota

Bolivia/Peru - Geo. Bush late 80's War against drug
Coca plants sprayed out of existence

Then Columbia

Drug traffickers vs. guerrillas

Rosa - tortured talked to me in prison
pliers on teeth

Colombia's military units ~~linked~~ linked to
paramilitary massacres

Aid package - anti guerrilla package disguised
as an anti drug package

Colombians don't believe anyone could be dumb enough
to fight drugs with the military assistance

no large decrease in hectares from Peru/Bolivia
and Colombia 1995 214,800 1999 183,000

Mexico - 31 states

Parties PRI

PRO

PAN - 6 state's governor

stated campaign on internet - kind Dick Monro

Dregs

Mexican - "all politicians
are crooks"

96 million

35 votes cast

Explain Mexico!

How big?

How many parties

Biggest cities

How much education?

problems p 302 Ernesto Zedillo 1994

Carlos Salinas 1988

most corrupt

Zedillo 1994

med

45 million in poverty
3 million pay taxes

MacArthur Fellow
1995

New York Review of Books
The New Yorker
Where have you lived?