

'The poor chunchos¹ and other idiocies', El Correo, 13 June 2009

This country – I'm now positive – was founded on a reading of Aristophanes and Kafka. It's not really a country as such, but a sort of pathetic tragi-comedy or depressing 'como-tragedy'. Whichever you prefer. Just look at recent, appalling events.

If it's obvious that everything that's happening in this unfortunate country is deplorable (and I'm not talking about the football), then some things are more deplorable than others. The most recent has been the slaughter in the Amazon², thanks to a bunch of ignorant, primitive, violent chunchos from the pre-agricultural age being egged on by crooks and communists wanting to transform them into stupid half-wits in the hope they will raise them to the dizzy heights of dictatorship and a government of butchers and assassins.

Don't dare call me a racist. It's the chunchos who are racist. I heard one of them, barely able to speak Spanish, saying that 'five soldiers, four natives and one mestizo' had been killed. As if! Not even a dog-breeder would dare claim that. Let's also remember that AIDSESEP³ or whatever its name is calls itself 'inter-ethnic', that's to say, inter-racial. Another of these Palaeolithics referred to the deaths of 'three natives, four soldiers and one civilian'. Isn't that exquisite? Just as I suspected, it now turns out that the chunchos (sorry! The natives) aren't actually 'civilians' after all. If someone tries to sue me for my supposed 'racism', I would warn them that people from Juliaca⁴ have already tried and they didn't succeed. In any case, they would also have to sue the Illustrated Universal Encyclopaedia, better known as Espasa, where it says in chapter 17, on page 702, verbatim: 'CHUNCHO: -CHA. Adj. Savage Indian living in the Amazon. It is also used as a noun.'

So now you know. For those of you who still think of these 'ethnic groups' as 'good', 'naïve' and 'pure', I'll remind you that it was these same people who perfected the art of shrinking the heads of their enemies and wearing them on the belts holding up their loincloths.⁵ They couldn't

¹ Offensive Spanish slang used to refer to indigenous people in the Amazon.

² On 5 June this year armed police attacked indigenous protesters in Bagua, northern Peru. More than thirty people, including both policemen and civilians, were killed.

³ AIDSESEP, Peru's national organisation for indigenous people in the Amazon, coordinated the protest in Bagua with other protests elsewhere in Peru.

⁴ A town in southern Peru.

⁵ Head-shrinking was a custom of some indigenous peoples in northern Peru. It is no longer practised.

do that with Congress. Their heads couldn't be shrunk any more than they already are. Anyway, if the 'natives' didn't shrink the heads of the policemen they killed and eat their remains, it was only because there wasn't time.

Not only that, these chunchos – who I've seen wearing well-made Lacoste t-shirts and polo shirts, as well as Adidas trainers – say that oil – which belongs to all Peruvians – shouldn't be exploited if it lies under what they call 'their' land. What a cheek! They're against logging for the same reason. And to cap it all, they don't want to pay taxes. Perfect! What do these policeman-murdering wretches think that the factories whose products they wear run on? Water? How do they think the medicines and hospitals, which you demand free-of-charge, are produced? As far as I'm concerned, they can get f**k*d, loincloths and all!

And I haven't mentioned the 'cosmovision' excuse that these chunchos now trot out at every opportunity. They can barely speak Spanish, their native languages don't run to more than eighty words, and now they understand the concept of 'cosmovision' and expect the rest of Peru to respect theirs? And you're telling me there are no 'progressives' or Humala⁶ supporters behind all this?

I'm now organizing a protest that will be followed by the killing of policemen in Arequipa⁷. For those who don't know, according to the 'cosmovision' of those of us from Arequipa, all those from Moquegua⁸ and Tumbes⁹ now living in 'our' territory should be castrated. The government should respect our cosmobiology.

I've also heard the leaders – the quieter ones – 'demanding' talks with the government. What for, for f**k's sake? Why should these people, who voted in the last elections for those who now make the laws, be 'consulted'? Are the 'Damned of the Cono Norte'¹⁰ also going to demand talks to abolish the Penal Code?

And I haven't mentioned the three 'native people with definite ethnic features' (the official definition of 'Indian', I see, so I can avoid being

⁶ Ollanta Humala stood for president in 2006 and lost to Alan García. He is the leader of the Peruvian Nationalist Party.

⁷ A city in southern Peru.

⁸ A city in southern Peru.

⁹ A city in northern Peru.

¹⁰ A district in Lima, Peru's capital city.

called a racist) – the three starlets of the parliamentary sewers who are currently running, in Congress, the kind of carnival you would normally find in Puño¹¹. I'm talking about the Congresswomen who I believe are called Supaypahuahua, Cachachanca and Hatunracca¹². I hope they'll forgive me, but I'm not very good at remembering names and I don't speak a word of Quechua or Aymara (or Witoto, or Mayoruna, or Jivaro or Aguaruna, for that matter).¹³

Is there still anyone in Peru who doesn't see that behind this jungle brothel lies communist excrement and turd from Humala supporters ready to bring down the present government and replace it, using force, with a Bolivarian Socialist Republic of Peru? Does anyone still doubt that behind all this is the dung with ears ('Chavez' is what they call it), pulling Humala's strings? And have you seen that sad, forgotten opportunist Javier Diez Canseco,¹⁴ getting support for the Aguaruna? He is, literally, dancing on one leg. The only thing that these people are sorry about is that more policemen died than chunchos. That doesn't help.

Who do you believe indoctrinated that pseudo-native chuncho, the one wearing the ridiculous feathered hat, to organise the entire slaughter and then escape over the rooftops like the rat that he is¹⁵ (I hope the rats forgive me for the comparison)? – with the help, no less, of the Huarillocclas and the Choquecallatas in Congress, who should be chained and thrown into the coldest, dampest dungeon in Lurigancho.¹⁶

And to add to our misfortune, all this will go on . . . and on. I don't know what keeps the president from providing the air-force with all the napalm necessary.

See you next time.

N.B.: I'm still waiting for the honest members of Congress to tell me they rejected their salary increase of 2,000 plus soles.¹⁷

¹¹ A city in southern Peru.

¹² The three Congresswomen are actually called Hilaria Supa Huamán, Yaneth Cajahuanca Rosales and Juana Aidé Huancahuari.

¹³ Indigenous peoples and languages in Peru.

¹⁴ Javier Diez Canseco stood for president in 2006.

¹⁵ A reference to AIDSESEP's president, Alberto Pizango who, following the violence in Bagua, has been charged with 'sedition and rebellion' and has sought asylum in Nicaragua.

¹⁶ A prison in Lima.

¹⁷ Peru's currency is 'nuevo soles'.