Should the Amazon be Internationalized?

During the debate at a university in the United States, the former governor of the Federal District, former education minister and current senator CRISTÓVAM BUARQUE, was questioned about what he thought of the internationalization of the Amazon.The youngster asserted that he expected a response of a humanist and not a Brazilian. This was the response of Dr.Cristóvam Buarque:

“In fact, as a Brazilian I would simply speak against the internationalization of the Amazon. Even if our governments have not given the due attention to this treasure, it is ours.
“As a humanist, feeling the risk of environmental degradation that threatens the Amazon, I could imagine its internationalization, as well as everything else that is important for humanity.

“If the Amazon, from a humanist ethical standpoint, should be internationalized, internationalize the oil reserves world.

This oil is as important to the welfare of humanity as the Amazon for our future. Nevertheless, the owners of the reserves feel the right to increase or reduce the extraction of oil and rising or not its price.”

“Likewise, the financial capital of the rich countries should be internationalized. If the Amazon is a reserve for all human beings, it can not be burned by the desire of a landowner or a country. To burn the Amazon is as serious as the unemployment caused by the arbitrary decisions of global speculators. We can not let the financial reserves serve to burn entire countries in the frenzy of speculation.

“Even before the Amazon, I would like to see the internationalization of all the great museums of the world.

The Louvre should not belong only to France Each museum is a guardian of the most beautiful works produced by human genius. You can not let this cultural patrimony, as the natural heritage Amazon, be manipulated and directed by the whims of an owner or a country. Not long ago, a Japanese millionaire decided to be buried with a picture of a great artist. Before that, the picture should have been internationalized.

“During this meeting, the United Nations is hosting the Millennium Forum; the presidents of several countries had difficulties in attending due to constraints in the U.S. border. So I think that New York, as the United Nations

headquarters, should be internationalized. At least Manhattan should belong to all mankind. Like Paris, Venice, Rome, London, Rio de Janeiro, Brasilia, Recife, each city, with its unique beauty, its history of the world should belong

to the world.

“If the U.S. wants to internationalize the Amazon, at the risk of leaving it in Brazilian hands, internationalize all the nuclear arsenals of the USA. Since they have already demonstrated that they are capable of using these weapons, causing destruction thousands of times larger than the pitiful burning of the forests of Brazil.

“I defend the idea of internationalizing the world’s forest reserves in exchange for debt. Let us use this debt to ensure that every child in the world is allowed to eat and go to school.

Internationalize the children treating them, all of them, no matter what country they were born, as patrimony that deserves care worldwide.

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