

A U.S. Army general debuts as a censor

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The head of the Southern Command, General Laura Richardson, launched an onslaught against media outlets distant from the hegemonic profile sponsored by the United States, and several institutions and individuals responded, including Cuba's Casa de las Americas.

Casa de las Americas, with a long history in favor of Latin American and Caribbean culture, denounced what it considered a new act of imperialist arrogance.

Casa was referring to expressions made by the U.S. military against the Russia Today network, the Sputnik agency and the state-owned multinational teleSUR, all of them not practicing journalism, according to the speaker.

The uniformed woman, who is said to have experience as a helicopter pilot, flew again, although now virtually, to insert herself as a follower of the stale Monroe Doctrine.

Speaking at a meeting of the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, the lecturer, who came out of her military oratory without being invited, admitted that Sputnik, Russia Today and teleSUR have more than 30 million followers. Sympathies which, she said, are unacceptable because, in her opinion, they spread disinformation and undermine democracies.

But she avoided referring to the history of the United States in contributing to the overthrow of democratic governments, as happened in Latin America.

The general's irruption, scissors in hand, against the press that offers a vision different from the one advocated by Washington, has caused logical repudiation because it seeks to intimidate the free information of the peoples.

This opinion of the Venezuelan Foreign Minister, Yván Gil, preceded that of Patricia Villegas, who wrote on the social network X that Laura Richardson speaks about what does not correspond to her and recalled that the media mentioned have great global recognition.

The head of the Southern Command is obviously upset about certain journalistic exercises that denounce, among other issues, the ambition of the United States for the natural resources south of the Rio Grande.

A few months ago, Richardson pointed out the interest for her country of the lithium triangle, in Argentina, Chile and Bolivia; the largest oil reserves, in allusion to Venezuela, and the forests of the Amazon.

The lithium, forests, water and oil should be reserved for the power of the North, Richardson seemed to interpret, and she is attacking media agencies that expose this voracity.

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