

National News

Parpart debates Yost on Global 2000

The morning session of the May 20 *EIR* conference in Washington, D.C. on "The U.S., the Third World, and Global 2000" consisted of a debate between Uwe Parpart, director of research for the Fusion Energy Foundation, and Nicholas Yost, coauthor of the Carter administration's *Global Futures* report, companion-piece to the *Global 2000 Report*. Yost was general counsel to Carter's Council on Environmental Quality and director of the Carter administration's task force on resources and the environment.

Yost increasingly issued disclaimers under challenges from Parpart, one of the world's foremost scientific debunkers of depopulation advocacy. Parpart said that "it's an odd world we live in where we think that every moment a cow is born, we are richer, but any moment a child is born we are poorer. Population potential is unlimited." Yost replied, "we haven't recommended anything, our report is a projection."

When Yost called for "a delicate balance between sustainable development and environmental concern," Parpart characterized Yost's concept of "sustainable development" by stating that "the real premise of the *Global 2000 Report* is on page 526, where they say that existing financial and economic institutions are fundamentally sound, and that the demand of the LDCs for a new international economic order will not be met." Parpart discussed at length the continuities between Global 2000/World Bank policy and the Malthusian policies of the British Empire.

Speaking at the afternoon session, Ambassador Youssoufou Oumarou, who is from Niger and represents the Organization for African Unity (OAU) at the United Nations, urged that "the biggest problem in Africa is economic development.

"We in Africa know we can produce enough food if we develop our infra-

structure. The people who wrote the *Global 2000 Report* don't know anything about Africa. . . . You have two choices in Africa: you can either spend your time trying to reduce your population, or you can try to increase your GNP and your food production.

"We Africans come to the U.S. because the U.S. is the country that has been successful in agriculture, and that is what we are looking for."

Bipartisan demand made for halt to FEC audits

Attorneys for leading Democratic and Republican candidates in the 1980 presidential primary have asked the Federal Election Commission to declare a 30-day moratorium on publication of audits of their 1980 campaign committees. They charge the FEC with "serious insensitivity to the realities of the presidential campaign process and the First Amendment."

Represented are the Republican National Committee, Republican candidates Howard Baker, John Connally, and Ronald Reagan, and Democrat Jimmy Carter.

The specific counts for the request are retroactive application of legal principles; lack of standard auditing procedures; lack of access to information; lack of a hearing; and length of audit process. Hints have meanwhile surfaced, perhaps pre-emptively, that the White House would like to abolish the FEC altogether.

Trucking deregulation shakes out U.S. transport

Overall tonnage carried by trucks is likely to show a collapse for the first two quarters of 1981 of at least 30 percent below the same period of 1980, according to industry sources. Between the last quarter of 1980 and the same period of 1979, tonnage already fell by 20 percent.

The collapse has already resulted in permanent layoffs of more than 50,000 truck drivers and about 100,000 related layoffs, mostly affecting the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

In the late fall of 1979, *EIR* conducted a study on the projected effects of trucking deregulation legislation cosponsored by Jimmy Carter, Ted Kennedy, and an array of "free market" conservatives. The overall conclusion was that over an eight-year period the plan would cost the real economy roughly \$500 billion through its drastic effects on the overall efficiency of the U.S. economy, a cost greater than the Vietnam War. In July 1980, Congress passed the Motor Carrier Deregulation Act.

As *EIR* will report in detail, the collapse is proceeding faster than our projections indicated, because of the Federal Reserve's fiscal austerity. Capital investment and maintenance outlays are now substantially affected.

Both the White House and Reagan's designate as Interstate Commerce Commission chairman, Reece Taylor, have indicated that they want to prevent the destruction of U.S. trucking, but have also declined thus far to challenge the deregulation act.

Reagan advisers challenge ACLU 'criminals lobby'

In a late-May speech before the California Peace Officers Association, presidential adviser Edwin Meese III, a law enforcement specialist, charged the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the National Prisoners Union, and other groups with forming in effect a "criminals' lobby" by abetting actions and legislation that hamper the arrest and prosecution of criminals.

Meese's speech followed the drafting of an equally aggressive letter by William Wilson, California state university regent and member of the Reagan "kitchen cabinet." The letter was written last December to Stanley Sheinbaum, an ACLU leader, but not previously published.

In Wilson's letter to Sheinbaum, who is also on the board of *CounterSpy* magazine, Wilson charges that the ACLU's lobbying has "effectively put an end to intelligence-gathering and file-keeping on suspected felons, criminals, and law-breakers." It is logical to conclude, wrote Wilson, that persons who sponsor such legislation "not only must feel free from injury or harm by those who are aided and abetted by such legislation; indeed, they must be protected by some organized group who make their living from misdeeds against society. . . . They must be supported by those whom they in turn are helping, namely, organized crime."

Sheinbaum declared that he is "personally offended." The ACLU's national executive director, Ira Glasser, has accused Meese and Wilson of "McCarthyism." Wilson is the President's nominee as U.S. representative to the Vatican.

LULAC testifies in favor of depopulation

Arnoldo Torres, congressional liaison for the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the largest group representing Spanish-speaking Americans, testified on May 12 at hearings on the Ottinger bill mandating population reduction measures in the United States. The Ottinger bill, H.R. 907 cosponsored by Rep. Robert Garcia, the Democrat representing New York's heavily Hispanic, economically devastated South Bronx, is explicitly based on the *Global 2000 Report*.

Torres testified that the United States is "reaching conditions which indicate an overburden of our natural resources and environment by a population with an ever-increasing demand. Many advocates of the *Global 2000 Report* indicate that a scarcity of resources in this country stands to impact more harshly on those at the bottom of the social spectrum. The Hispanic community has unfortunately occupied this position in American society and therefore is very much con-

cerned. . . . We are told that unless we control our population growth . . . the Hispanic community and other disadvantaged groups will be competing against each other for the limited resources available. . . .

"While there are many complexities involved in this scenario, it is perhaps fairly accurate. . . .

"Many in the Hispanic community . . . would view the establishment of a population policy as being a racist effort. . . . Nevertheless, LULAC recognizes that this country and the world are facing tremendous challenges when there is an increasing populace. . . . We are in total agreement with Global 2000 in concluding that this demand cannot be satisfied."

Auto dealers launch 'Operation Prime Cut'

In a joint letter sent on May 13 to every Chrysler-Plymouth and Dodge car dealer in the United States—approximately 4,000 dealers—the leaders of the respective dealers' conferences urge their members to support what they call "Operation Prime Cut."

Walter Kelly, national cochairman of the Chrysler-Plymouth Auto Dealers Council, told *EIR* on May 20 that "We are about to die because of high interest rates. The federal government is trying to put me out of business," he said. "Who is going to replace my taxes? Who is going to replace my business? The auto industry supports one out of seven people even now, as bad as things are. We are paying 25 cents out of every dollar for interest."

The letters ask each dealer to send his congressman a quarter "to get across a consciousness of this problem." The associations look toward legislative action, and intend to take the campaign into state auto dealers' associations around the country. The Chrysler dealers say Chrysler management supports them completely on the fight against high interest rates.

Briefly

● **ALEXANDER HAIG** delivered the commencement address May 15 at Hillsdale College, whose administration launched David Stockman's career. The tiny Michigan school was also the scene of one of the largest mass sightings of UFOs in 1966. The UFO link may be a clue to Haig's presence at Hillsdale, since his brother, Frank Haig, S.J., is a prolific writer on "extraterrestrial beings."

● **NICHOLAS YOST**, a Global 2000 author, following the debate with the Fusion Energy Foundation's Uwe Parpart, was heard to remark, as he was hastily leaving the scene, that it did not bother him at all that conservatives like Gen. Maxwell Taylor agreed with liberals like Yost on the need for Global 2000 population reduction. "No, no," Yost said. "The more people who agree with us, the more sure we are that we are right."

● **MICHAEL LEDEEN**, editor of Georgetown University's CSIS journal, has been appointed special adviser to Alexander Haig on international terrorism. Ledeen, an associate of Henry Kissinger and Arnaud de Borchgrave's "Spike" circles, will work with Gen. Vernon Walters in a special advisory unit, promoting the CIA-discredited view that the Soviet KGB is the primary coordinator of terrorism.

● **FRIENDS OF THE EARTH**, Greenpeace, and other groups had the fundraising services this week in New York of ballerina Marita Goshen. Said Jacques Cousteau of a recent performance: "The whale ballet was more eloquent than any speech and as graceful as the fluid dance of a true whale." The *Washington Post* commented: "The tall elegant Goshen presented her subjects to music ranging from George Crumb . . . to humpback songs . . . her solos for sea turtle, seal, wolf, and whale work as political statements and as art."



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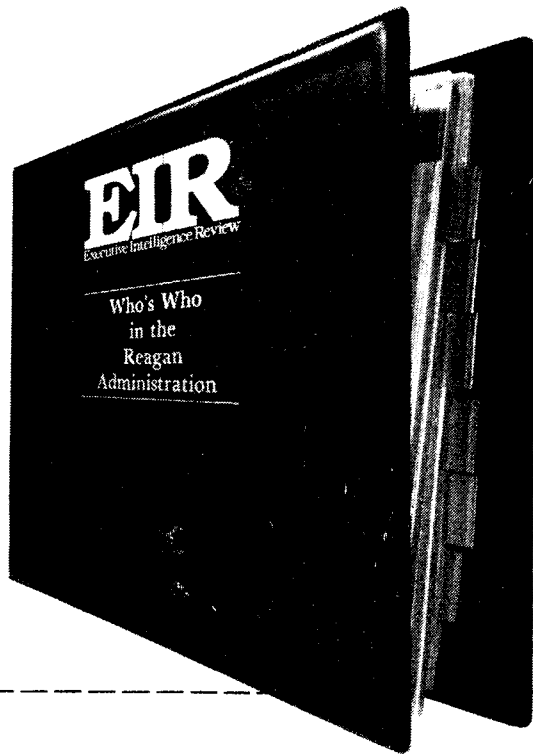
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