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## Interview

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# Global 2000's Mumford targets the Church

Five months ago, prior to the attempt on the life of Pope John Paul II, *Humanist* magazine published an article and series of correspondences by Dr. Steven Mumford, titled "Population, the Church and Global Security." Its thesis is that the single most important problem facing the world is the population crisis.

Mumford, supporter of the *Global 2000 Report*, calls for the creation of a multibillion-dollar population strike force to impose policies of population reduction. The greatest obstacle to such an effort is the Roman Catholic Church whose doctrine places premium value on human life and the perfectability of man.

Mumford states boldly that since the population crisis is a national security question, the U.S. government must throw its weight against the Church. He calls for the American Church to break with Rome, and specifically identifies Pope John Paul II as an obstacle to Global 2000.

Mumford, who works out of the International Fertility Research Program in North Carolina, was originally sponsored in his project by the Jesuit-run Georgetown Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), where his work was coordinated with Henry Kissinger associate Georges Fauriol, the director of international population studies. The *Humanist*, whose editorial board includes such individuals as Sidney Hook and Paul Kurtz, is run by networks who earlier this year created the so-called Committee for the Free World, many of whose members support Global 2000.

*EIR* has obtained the following excerpted interview conducted with Mumford last month.

**Q:** What do you think the chances are that the Roman Catholic Church will support Global 2000?

**A:** I am convinced more than ever that we are not going to see any progress with respect to population control until we are willing to confront the Roman Catholic Church. The *Global 2000 Report* is not getting very much attention, and I am sure that the reason for that is that if

we view the *Global 2000 Report* seriously, we cannot get away from the fact that there is going to have to be a lot of family planning, abortions, sterilizations, etc. The solution to the problem is an affront to the Roman Catholic Church. . . .

**Q:** Aren't you really talking about overturning the basic Judeo-Christian doctrine, the doctrine of the perfectability of man, the doctrine of Saint Augustine?

**A:** The problem that we are faced with is that the Church itself is committing suicide by continuing on its current course. The total social chaos that I see coming will destroy the Church. It will not survive. I haven't really seen it necessary to give [the doctrine question itself] that much thought. The reasons for that is that the vast majority of Roman Catholic theologians really believe that we must have population control on the scale that I am talking about. . . . The majority of these theologians believe that Catholic teachings are consistent with population control programs. . . .

**Q:** You indicate that if the American Church were to break away from Rome and support population control, many other churches would follow.

**A:** This is based on reactions from people in Latin America when I presented my views. Several different people on different occasions very quickly responded that all the Churches in Latin America would follow the American Church's lead. These are all Roman Catholic leaders. . . . But . . . the most important thing is what is done in the United States and the American Roman Catholic Church is most important. . . . I am absolutely confident that someone will emerge to lead the schism. There are a lot of people whose conscience is really tearing at them at this point and will have great difficulty continuing to support their Church superiors on this issue. . . .

**Q:** When do you see the moves toward schism occurring? Will it only occur after disaster strikes? When people go into the streets against the Church?

**A:** I am hopeful that the catastrophe will not be upon us before we see anything happen. I was very hopeful when I saw Father Breen's article [suggesting a schism over the population-control issue]. We will see many more this year. I really don't know what it is going to take. I am confident that somewhere within the Church a group will coalesce and begin this breakaway movement. I am just not sure which year, but I am sure it will be in the next few years. Absolutely within this decade. I am somewhat disappointed that [Church leaders] have not spoken out in regard to the *Global 2000 Report*. I think that the *Global 2000 Report* is really the final word, that no one would need any more to bring them to action and to their senses.