How the Club of Rome intends to increase the global death rate

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On March 18, 1980, the *Executive Intelligence Review* devoted its Special Report to demolishing the premises and findings of a study by Harvard Business School economists Daniel Yergin and Robert Stobaugh, which purported to show that it is possible to “decouple” energy consumption growth from growth in the overall economy. In this issue’s Economics section and in this Special Report, we continue the job of debunking such econometricians’ foolishness, with a series of articles on the progress of the LaRouche-Riemann economic model international research task force toward mathematical breakthroughs that will quantify for use in global economic forecasting and planning the causal relationship between the increase of energy-flux-density in economic processes and the growth of population potential in the economy.

This new breakthrough in the application of the LaRouche-Riemann model, aspects of which are reported below by Contributing Editor Uwe Parpart, puts in the hands of global development forces the means to indisputably expose Thomas Malthus and his “limits to growth” followers among the ranks of today’s population-control advocates as liars and hoaxsters. As Parpart reports, the population potential of the earth has risen, throughout human history, in quantum leaps corresponding to the application of new technologies, each distinguished from the preceding by an increase in its characteristic energy density. The human population potential today, with the application of modern fission technologies, Parpart reports, ranges up to 50 billion people. By these scientific criteria, the earth, and most emphatically those regions and nations known as the developing sector, are vastly underpopulated, and the task of national leadership is defined by the necessity to increase population growth potential through application of new, more energy-dense technologies to production in the economy.

The development of this new conceptual weapon against the Malthusians comes not a moment too soon. Those prestigious agencies, such as the World Bank and the Club of Rome, which have for the past decade and a half led the campaign to end world population growth through restriction of energy
consumption and technology investment, are now facing the disastrous and genocidal consequences of their long-time policies in the form of accelerated economic collapse in the industrialized nations, and economic collapse accompanied by famine and natural disaster in the developing sector. Their response to the crisis? A shift from espousal of mere zero population growth, to open calls for negative growth—a policy which their esteemed predecessor Parson Malthus correctly asserted could be implemented only by raising the death rate, that is, killing off people who are already born.

As Robert McNamara, former president of the World Bank, put it, the killers famine, war, and plague, are the most efficient means of lowering the world’s population. Jay Forrester, co-author of the Club of Rome’s founding document Limits to Growth, who has recently released another econometric model hoax asserting that over-investment in technology is the root cause for the depression in the U.S. economy, is only slightly less explicit in his prescription for mass death in India and other Third World nations.

Faced with these grisly formulations, the ordinary moral reader may ask why the population-control advocates would go so far as to endorse genocide in the furtherance of their objectives. Julio Silva Colmenares, the respected Colombian economist whose recent address to the International Caucus of Labor Committees conference in New York we summarize in this Special Report, had an answer to this question. Describing the World Bank program under which his nation was made a guinea pig of the population controllers at the end of the 1940s, Silva Colmenares reports that the anti-natalist lobby is and always has been run by the international oligarchy, which fears normal robust population growth in the developing sector as a threat to its continued control over the world’s “limited” natural resources.

**Endpoint: the Roman model of collapse**

Steven Bardwell documents below, that this oligarchy has been eminently successful in ensuring the application of its anti-technology and energy conservationist formulas to the U.S. economy. With the propaganda cover of such hoaxsters as Stobaugh, Yergin, and Forrester, disinvestment in the nation’s labor force and in the infrastructure, plant, and equipment upon which the economy depends, has brought America to the point of demographic and productive collapse.

What is the endpoint of the application of the oligarchist scheme for total population control? The most devastating historical example of the genocidal effects of this model is the Roman Empire. By 600 A.D., two generations after Rome’s fall into the millennium-long Dark Ages, the population of the Mediterranean world was reduced to 40 percent of that which lived 400 years before. As Kenneth Kronberg elaborates below, the Roman oligarchy accomplished this devastation by the same means being used by the population control oligarchy today: a refusal to introduce modern, advanced technologies, genocide against subject populations, and promotion of a cultural decay in Rome itself which soon rendered the elite of that city unable to reproduce itself biologically.