

racism, and the like, is not only perfectly true, but emphatically worth considering by a generation accustomed, as its forefathers for the preceding generations were accustomed, to accept as true and useful thoroughly pernicious doctrines taught by well-meaning and feeble-minded sentimentalists."

Chamberlain was certainly no sentimentalist. On his deathbed in 1927 he wrote to Adolf Hitler; "You are the hope, the star, of Germany and the Aryan race."

Just as in the days of Darwin, race science was the "principle of natural selection" enshrined to determine who would be sacrificed in a Malthusian world of limited resources. Roosevelt, Grant, Osborn and the rest of the Museum of Natural History crowd were all founders of the "conservation movement" with important roles in launching of such early environmentalist groups as the Sierra Club, the Save the Redwoods Society, and the Conservation Foundation. Averell Harriman continues as an angel of the radical environmentalist movement to this day.

The Third Eugenics Conference

With the convening of the Third International Congress of Eugenics at the Museum of Natural History in 1932, the American bluebloods moved into open organizing for Adolf Hitler's Nazi experiments. The halls were filled with pictures and graphs showing the physiognomies, mental qualities, and threatened migrations of Aryans, Latins, Jews, Negroes, etc. for an audience of leading race scientists and Malthusians assembled from all over the world.

The Eugenics Society had been around for half a century, the first chapter having been set up in England by Darwin's cousin Sir Francis Galton. The First International Conference of Eugenics had been held in London in 1911, with Winston Churchill serving as its vice-president, and the Museum of Natural History was the scene of the second conference in 1921, but this time there was a new excitement in the air. This time the significance of the ideas discussed would reach far beyond immigration policy—the star of eugenics was on the rise in Germany.

A look at the sponsors of the conference is instructive. They included **Mrs. H. B. DuPont**, of the DuPont family of Delaware;

Colonel William Draper, later to found the Draper Fund/Population Crisis Committee, which brought together the Vietnam war crowd of Gen. Maxwell Taylor, Gen. William Westmoreland, Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker, McGeorge Bundy, and Robert S. McNamara into a single organization committed to the depopulation of the Third World.

Mrs. Mary Averell Harriman, to whom the conference proceedings were dedicated because of her life-long largesse to eugenics;

Mrs. Mary Harriman Rumsey;

Mrs. Walter Jennings of Standard Oil, controlled by the Rockefellers;

Dr. J. Harvey Kellogg, of Kellogg's Cereals of Battle Creek, Michigan;

Suppressing pellagra cure killed millions in U.S.

In the early years of the 20th century, approximately 5,000 Americans died every year as a result of the vitamin deficiency disease pellagra, and an additional 300,000 per year died as a result of being weakened by pellagra and succumbing to an infectious disease. Almost all of these deaths occurred in the rural South, with 50 percent of the victims drawn from the 10 percent of the U.S. population who were black.

In a series of experiments in 1914-15, Dr. Joseph Goldberger of the U.S. Public Health Service discovered that pellagra is caused by a shortage of niacin and can be cured by feeding its victims a balanced diet including meat and vegetables. Conversely, limiting a diet to corn, the typical Southern staple of the time, would invariably produce severe cases of the disease.

Goldberger's findings were instantly unpopular with the Harriman circle and the Eugenics Record Office, who had long championed the idea that pellagra and other diseases result from the inferior heredity of the stricken individuals. Eugenics Record Office Director Charles Davenport, who wrote in 1911 that the Irish genetically lack resistance to tuberculosis and that legislation to improve sanitary and living conditions in Irish communities was therefore misguided, took charge of a campaign to discredit Goldberger's findings.

Davenport began with a series of articles in medical journals and the Record Office's *Eugenical News* casting doubt on, or simply ignoring Goldberger's work.

Davenport's master stroke was the release in 1917 of the third report of the national Pellagra Commission, which he had taken over after its leaders had resigned in the wake of Goldberger's findings. In his report, Davenport and his assistants documented in mountainous detail that in 90 percent of pellagra cases, the stricken individual had at least one parent or grandparent who had been a victim of the disease.

Davenport's statistical fraud carried the day in the medical profession, and he continued his campaign to suppress Goldberger's cure for pellegra. As a result, it was not until the mid-1930s that Goldberger's findings were accepted into American medical practice. In those two decades of delay, approximately 6 million Americans (3 million black and 3 million white), were killed by pellagra, murdered by the fraud run out of the Harrimans' Eugenics Record Office.