

Foreign-policy hitman and depopulation advocate: a profile of Rep. Stephen Solarz

by Ronald Kokinda in Washington

Rep. Stephen Solarz, a leader of the new generation of Averell Harriman's protégés in Congress, arrived in Mexico during the second week of January on one of his frequent tours of developing sector nations. Before he winds up his journey with a trip to Venezuela Jan. 24, Solarz will have touched base in every Central American country, as well as traveled with presidential hopeful John Glenn in Mexico.

Solarz is one of those liberal Democrats who consistently gains entry to Third World nations, bearing a "sympathetic" policy profile to their aspirations and initiatives not shown by the U.S. State Department; for example, Solarz said last year that the United States "should seize the opportunity afforded by Mexican President José López Portillo's far-sighted proposal to use his good offices to achieve a settlement in El Salvador."

Yet, Solarz's voting record and activities in Congress betray the character of a consistent neo-Malthusian, dedicated to the destruction of developing-sector nations and the mass murder of their peoples. For example:

- Solarz has consistently voted in support of Jimmy Carter administration's *Global 2000 Report*, which projected policy for the elimination of 2 billion people worldwide by the end of the 20th century.

- Solarz sponsored the resolution giving congressional carte blanche to Great Britain to invade the Western Hemisphere to wage the Malvinas War against Argentina, in blatant violation of the Monroe Doctrine.

- Solarz's wife Nina, who accompanied him on his present trip, helped draft the Simpson-Mazzoli "seal the border" immigration bill widely understood as an economic warfare measure directed at Mexico.

It is for the benefit of government officials, journalists, and citizens of the Third World nations, in particular, that *EIR* publishes the Solarz dossier.

Stephen J. Solarz (D-N.Y.)

Age: 42

Education: B.A. Brandeis University 1962; M.A. Columbia University 1967

Family: Married, two children

Religion: Jewish

Former profession: Journalist, political scientist

Previous political experience: Member, New York State Legislature 1968-74

Elected to Congress: 1974

Committee Assignments: Foreign Affairs (Chairman, Subcommittee on Asia and Pacific; member, Subcommittee on Africa); Budget; Post Office and Civil Service Committees

Jobs held prior to public office included: National Affairs Editor of *Newsfront*, a national news monthly; Associate Editor of *Greater Philadelphia*; and assistant to *New York Post* columnist Max Lerner

Solarz is a member of a tight group of Anglophile and pro-Zionist New York congressmen, and a fervent supporter of Global 2000 Malthusian doctrine. His special interest is foreign affairs.

In 1979, for example, he visited 24 countries over a period of about six weeks. Accusations that he travels too much at taxpayers' expense have not hurt him politically; he has cultivated a reputation for sponsorship of many amendments on foreign policy and foreign aid bills, much of it related to increasing support for Israel.

On the Foreign Affairs committee Solarz is allied with a grouping whose leader was the recently retired Rep. Jonathan Bingham (D-N.Y.) (a member of the New York Council on Foreign Relations). This grouping, which also includes Reps. Michael Barnes (D-Md.), Howard Wolpe (D-Mich.), Don Bonker (D-Wash.), and others, does not like the more traditional approach toward foreign relations that is taken by committee chairman Clement Zablocki (D-Wisc.). They do not work well with Zablocki and succeeded in dumping two more senior Democrats, Reps. Gus Yatron (D-Pa.) and Dan Mica (D-Fla.), from subcommittee chairmanships on Latin America and Africa, putting in Barnes and Wolpe, respectively, over Zablocki's objections.

Another of Bingham's New York gang is Rep. James

Scheuer (D-N.Y.), who has taken an interest in Mexico. A population-reduction fanatic, Scheuer, as Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Population, issued a report which called for "sealing the border with Mexico." Scheuer has also spoken out, like Kennedy, for having Mexican oil replace Arab sources.

Solarz's strong support for aid to Israel has led the *Jerusalem Post* to call him "one of the most committed friends of Israel on Capitol Hill," and others to accuse him of being an "agent of Israel." He has been extremely effective in getting increased aid for Israel. For example, in the last year of the Carter administration he was able to increase proposed aid by \$660 million, including shifts of loans to outright grants.

But it is the British who direct Solarz's policy outlook. Solarz has been a member of the New York Council on Foreign Relations, the U.S. branch office of the British Royal Institute for International Affairs. In 1966 he managed the campaign of an anti-war activist in Brooklyn against a machine Democrat, and eventually won his primary in 1974 against Bertram Podell, a machine Democrat, in the context of a general rout of traditionalist Brooklyn Democratic incumbents who were accused of various wrongdoing, by political forces allied to the corrupt New York District Attorney Robert Morgenthau.

'Friend' of developing nations

During the Malvinas War Solarz was the sponsor of the resolution which passed the House condemning the Argentine government and calling upon the United States to provide any and all assistance, including military assistance, to aid the British.

His wife, Nina Solarz, is the executive director of the Citizens Committee for Immigration Reform. This is the continuing form of the Hesburgh Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy. Other members of the committee include Theodore Hesburgh, Cyrus Vance, Robert McNamara, Pamela Churchill Harriman, and Lane Kirkland. This group wrote the Simpson-Mazzoli bill as the legislative form of the conclusions of the Hesburgh Commission.

Solarz signed the congressional letter supporting the *Global 2000 Report*, which is a blueprint for reducing the global population by 2 billion people by the year 2000. The corollary has been his adamant opposition to the development of nuclear power, especially nuclear proliferation overseas. He has opposed such infrastructural development as water projects, voted for legislation which would have allowed sodomy between children and adults in the District of Columbia, and he cosponsored legislation to decriminalize marijuana.

On Central American policy during this past year, Solarz has been generally supportive of the Reagan administration's Caribbean Basin proposal. In March 1982 Solarz suggested (*Baltimore Sun*, March 24, 1982) that "Congress should either terminate further American military assistance [to the Duarte

government in El Salvador] or make such aid conditional on an unequivocal willingness on the part of the government of El Salvador to enter into unconditional negotiations with the opposition forces."

Solarz's office relies heavily on the Washington "left lobby": the Washington Office on Africa, Amnesty International, and Trans-Africa, for policy on Africa, and the Washington Office on Latin America for information on that region. All of these are offshoots of the Washington-based Institute for Policy Studies, a radical intelligence operation with strong ties to guerrillas and terrorists. "He's a regular on the circuit," according to a well-placed source, and thus is viewed suspiciously not only by the Reagan administration and Republicans on the Hill, but by mainstream Democrats as well.

Solarz is a great advocate of "aid" to developing nations—along the lines of the *Global 2000 Report*; he was the strongest supporter on the House side of Sen. Mark Hatfield's "hunger elimination and global security" legislation. One supporter described its purpose as "giving them a fish instead of teaching them how to fish."

In the summer and fall of 1980, Solarz, as Chairman of the Africa subcommittee, refused any cooperation with the Committee for a New Africa Policy, which was set up with the support of Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche at that time to avert widespread famine and genocide in Africa. Initiating figures included former Manhattan Borough President Hulan Jack, Alan Salisbury and *EIR* Contributing Editor Chris White. (It should be noted that Solarz was part of the special investigative operation that then-Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman put in motion in 1979 to "get LaRouche," and that that his office retails slanders on LaRouche to callers up to the present.)

Over State Department protests, Solarz in 1980 became the first American in over 30 years to visit North Korea. After meetings which included Communist boss Kim Il Sung, Solarz announced North Korea's desire to improve relations with the United States. Later in 1980 he had over two weeks of discussions in Moscow with Soviet foreign policy specialists, holding a press conference afterward to outline Soviet attitudes toward Afghanistan, Poland, Iraq, and the Persian Gulf.

Solarz is extremely outspoken on human rights issues toward traditional U.S. allies in the region, bringing particularly tough pressure on the South Korean government, the Philippines government, and the Indonesians.

Solarz also mediated the 1982 compromise on economic and military aid to Pakistan.

In summary, Solarz travels widely and often, giving him contacts and information independent of official institutions in the United States. These contacts and networks are facilitated by the Harrimanite layers with which he is affiliated both through the Democratic Party, the networks overseas, as well as his voting and policy orientation.