

Club of Life center of fight for civilization

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Club of Life raised the alarm that the world's very existence was threatened by the danger of nuclear war, famines, and epidemics, the Nazi "ethic" of the "useless eater," and the spiritual degradation throughout large portions of the world, particularly among the youth.

To counter these threats, it put forward three principles: 1) the inalienable right to life of all people through eliminating Malthusianism; 2) the necessity of a new world economic order based on the restoration of national sovereign development; and 3) the need for a new humanist renaissance of the same power as the Italian renaissance of Raphael and Leonardo da Vinci.

Fifteen months later, it is clear that the principles of the Club of Life are now more than ever relevant to solving the central strategic crises and cultural pessimism which threaten mankind's future. This has been recognized not only by the Club of Life, but also by its central enemies, the Malthusians whose "limits to growth" ideology is a cover for a deliberate policy of exterminating darker-skinned populations.

New world economic order

The Club of Life began 1983 with an intense worldwide campaign for the adoption of a debtors' cartel and a new world economic order at the summit of the Non-aligned Nations in New Delhi, India. Over 3,000 individuals participated in a round of conferences dedicated to this effort on the weekend of Feb. 19-20, and then sent petitions to the Indian government encouraging it to take the necessary economic measures.

Through the course of the Nonaligned meeting, and then at the Group of 77 meeting in Buenos Aires, and later at the UNCTAD meeting in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, the Club of Life delegations played an active role in the deliberations, al-

though the promise shown by the initial rejection of the IMF at the New Delhi meeting was not fulfilled.

Particularly striking confirmation of the Club of Life's influence was the response it drew to one of its initiating campaigns—the campaign for development of directed-energy beam technologies, as the only practicable means to achieve peace. Better known today as beam weapons, the beam technologies represented the dual potential for military defense against incoming ICBMs, and for a third industrial revolution utilizing the laser and particle-beam technologies which could greatly speed the industrialization of the developing sector. Beams, in the words of Club of Life founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche, are the means of achieving the common aims of mankind in industrial development.

Club of Rome attacks defense policy

The Club of Rome—the Malthusian general staff which the Club of Life was founded to defeat—apparently agreed. Utilizing many of its cothinker organizations that are accredited to the United Nations, the Club of Rome spent the early part of 1983 organizing explicitly for population reduction as a part of the international financial discussions. But by the end of 1983, the Club of Rome's leading spokesmen, including cofounder Alexander King, began a propaganda campaign against beam weapons in Bogotá, Colombia. According to King, the new year will see the publication of a Club of Rome white paper on "disarmament" which will center on attacking the beam defense program. The Club of Rome—otherwise devoting its efforts to suppressing nuclear technologies and imposing mass sterilization—has been forced onto the battleground of the Club of Life.

The Club of Life began 1983 with a drive to gain nongovernmental status at the United Nations, a drive that was unfortunately stymied by the Malthusian majority there. While the official rejection letter, phrased in terms of bureaucratic deadlines and rules, claimed that the Club of Life had no unique contribution to make which would merit immediate inclusion, the process itself demonstrated that the Club of Life *is* unique. It is the only international voluntary grouping devoted to economic and social issues which is *pro-life*.

The issue of the Club of Life at the United Nations will take on new significance in 1984, when the U.N. plans to host an international conference on population in Mexico City. The purpose of that conference is no secret: It is to *reduce the number of people* in the non-white developing world.

In organizational terms the Club of Life has greatly expanded. A conference of 250 persons was held in Zaire and activities are being expanded in Asia. Equally remarkable has been the success of the Club of Life in holding day-long cultural festivals featuring geometry, classical music, and theatre, in North America and Western Europe. In their audiences, primarily high-school and junior high-school youth, will lie humanity's future, once mankind defeats the Malthusian threat.