

Will the genocide lobby guarantee Soviet imperial rule in the 1980s?

Mark Burdman reports from the Second United Nations Conference on Population in Mexico City.

The Second International United Nations Conference on Population in Mexico City from Aug. 6-13 occurs at a watershed in the world political-strategic situation. Unlike the First International Conference in Bucharest, Romania, in 1974, which officially put the global "Genocide Lobby" under United Nations imprimatur, the Mexico City sessions are being held in the midst of an international financial-economic collapse and an intensifying Soviet global imperial thrust.

These realities have posed a somber challenge to the governments and anti-genocide institutions, mostly centered around the Vatican, that are in attendance in Mexico City: Should the Malthusian offensive being unleashed in the conference halls *as well as* the "free market" alternative being espoused by the U.S. government delegation *not* be opposed by a mobilization in favor of a new scientific and technological renaissance, then the collapse of civilization and/or Soviet global hegemony would be virtually guaranteed.

The linkage between Malthusian demographics and the world strategic crisis, as seen through the eyes of Henry Kissinger and the U.S. State Department, was made strikingly apparent to the 3,000-plus participants at the Mexico City event by the publication over the Aug. 4-5 weekend of a cover-story in *Time* magazine, entitled, "Mexico City: The Population Curse," with a cover picture depicting hordes of Mexicans drawn in racist caricature. Labeling the situation in Mexico City a "Malthusian nightmare," the article, by Otto Freilich, conjures up the strategic threat allegedly posed to the United States by the swarming of Mexican immigrants across the U.S. border.

It is no secret to insiders in Mexico City that there exist plans, drawn up by the U.S. State Department and by think-tanks like Georgetown University's Center for Strategic and International Studies—where Henry Kissinger holds sway—to treat the "Mexican demographic explosion" as the foremost strategic threat confronting the United States.

In the context of the current Soviet military-propaganda offensive against West Germany, nothing could be more convenient for the U.S.S.R. than the diversion of U.S. military attention away from Western Europe and toward its

southern borders, to accomplish more speedily the decoupling of the United States from the European continent. This was the subject of Henry Kissinger's call for the phased withdrawal of American troops from Western Europe, in a now-famous *Time* essay on March 5. The theme that Mexico's population problem is a strategic threat to the United States has also repeatedly been discussed in such elitist institutions as Britain's Ditchley Foundation over the past months.

The Club of Life's intervention

From a political standpoint 180 degrees opposite to that of Kissinger and *Time*, the link between Malthusianism and the global strategic crisis has been uniquely made at the Mexico City event by the Club of Life, the organization founded in September-October 1982 by Helga Zepp-La-Rouche, also head of the recently established Schiller Institute. The Club of Life has submitted a document to the conference, entitled "How to Stop Global Depopulation by the Year 2000," which asserts, at variance with the predominant themes of the U.N. Malthusians, that *depopulation*, and not *overpopulation*, is the primary threat facing mankind.

The Club of Life's intervention at the conference was covered Aug. 8 in a front-page article in the second most widely read Mexico City daily, *El Sol de Mexico Mediodia*, entitled "Denunciation of a Genocide Project Against Ibero-America." The article outlined plans supported by "the Club of Rome, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the U.S. State Department," but "personally opposed by President Ronald Reagan," for a "military confrontation in the region" of Ibero-America "to stop population growth."

Then, on Aug. 9, the daily *El Heraldo*, citing charges made by Club of Life delegation head Nancy Spannaus at a press conference the previous day, headlined that "The Soviet Union Has an Interest in Creating the 'Genocide Lobby' to Gain a Hegemonic Position." The article detailed how the Soviet Union, cooperating with "transnational institutions" like the food-grain cartels, is contriving an artificial food crisis and mass starvation, and how the Mexico City U.N. Conference, "in the form of the depopulation lobby," is cre-

ating a situation in which “the Soviet Union especially can gain in its propaganda terrorism.”

The Mexican press has also covered the Club of Life’s charges that its conference position paper was suppressed by the U.N. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) bureaucracy, because of its identification of the Malthusian institutions and individuals behind the global genocide push. While the decision to suppress the document was made by NGO bureaucrat Virginia Saurwein, political pressure was believed to have come from delegations, both East and West, favoring Malthusianism as a national policy commitment.

East-West genocide command

The agreement between oligarchical “transnational institutions” East and West to carry out a depopulation program was apparent from the first days of the conference.

The World Bank’s propagandists were in full force at the conference, distributing proposals by Bank president A. W. Clausen and a special economics task force, demanding that aid for population control programs be “tripled or quadrupled” in the years ahead, and damning “population growth” as the root cause of the ills of the developing-sector societies.

Former World Bank president Robert McNamara was rumored to be directing this campaign from behind the scenes somewhere in Mexico City. Prior to the conference, McNamara had stated that the Reagan White House’s opposition to population control policies was “absurd.”

On Aug. 6, the first day of the conference, a news release was widely distributed advertising a new study by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (NFPA), the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), and the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), explicitly calling for a “Malthusian” solution to the world problems of food and population. Based on a years-long study done by the Laxenberg, Austria-based IIASA organization on world food production, the release insisted that world food production is “limited” and that the “population-carrying capacity” of the globe is being rapidly exceeded. IIASA was established in the late 1960s-early 1970s following negotiations by U.S. Eastern Establishment head McGeorge Bundy and top Soviet KGB official Dzhermen Gvishiani.

In a private discussion with *EIR*, an East German delegation member at the Mexico City event boasted that his delegation was “cooperating with the programs of IIASA.” He praised his own nation’s demographics policy for “having achieved zero population growth.”

While it would seem most unusual for a representative of a Marxist country to be spouting the policy line of colonialist British East India Company propagandist Parson Malthus, it is clear that the East bloc perspective is equally motivated by cynical racist-imperialist goals. In a speech before the conference plenary, the delegate from Bulgaria stated that his government supports “higher fertility rates” *within Bulgaria*, but supports “specific measures to regulate population growth

. . . to counter the excessively high birth rates” in the developing countries!

With such high-level auspices for their policies, the U.N. Malthusians have been on a rampage in the first days of the proceedings.

In his general address before the conference, U.N. Conference head Rafael Salas of the Philippines stated that “population stabilization” must be the main aim of the conference participants in the years ahead. Claiming a direct correlation between “population growth and global security,” Salas insisted that there would be a growing “struggle for scarce resources” unless population growth were curbed.

Then 18 heads of state, primarily from the British Commonwealth, issued a document on Aug. 8 entitled, “Heads of State Declaration for Population Stabilization.” It claimed that “degradation of the world’s environment, income inequality, and the potential for conflict exist today because of over-consumption and over-population. . . . We believe that the time has come now to recognize the worldwide necessity to stop population growth within the near future.”

Genocide through the ‘free market’

Potential opposition to Malthusianism has been obfuscated by the antics of the American delegation. While formally maintaining many of the anti-Malthusian formulations of the official American policy brought into the conference, a U.S. policy statement released Aug. 8 asserts that “it is sufficiently evident that the current exponential growth in global population cannot continue indefinitely. There is no question of the ultimate need to achieve a condition of population equilibrium.”

American delegation head James Buckley told Mexico City participants that “free-market economy,” rather than centralized planning, “is the natural way . . . to lower fertility rates.” Buckley, who poses as an “anti-Malthusian,” actually spent much of the conference huddling with U.S. Export-Import Bank head William Draper III, a leading zero-growther from the Population Crisis Committee.

Club of Life delegation head Nancy Spannaus issued a response to Buckley on Aug. 8, entitled, “Free-Market Malthusianism is Malthusianism Just the Same,” stressing that “it was the feudal leadership of the British East India Company which commissioned Malthus to write his apology for their policy of deliberate famine in India, Ireland, and elsewhere. . . . The fact that Mr. Buckley has the same aims as the genocidal population lobby, the lowering of fertility, should indicate that his program is no alternative.”

The potential for such exposés to rally anti-Malthusian forces is shown by the fact that a number of delegations, including from the Vatican, Brazil, and several other countries of Ibero-America and Africa, took positions opposing population-control and fertility reduction. The challenge facing these forces is to create a momentum that could destroy the influence of Malthusianism worldwide.