

Editorial

The IMF's biological holocaust

Among the growing millions already dying of famine and disease throughout most of black Africa, an epidemic of the dreaded disease cholera has now erupted. This, together with famine and other diseases spreading in 37 African states, is a threat not only to that continent, but to the world.

Not only might the cholera epidemic soon spread to other continents. More significantly, it may soon prove to be only an early signal of the pandemics of "Black Death" proportions which failure to reverse the conditions now sweeping over Africa will invite upon civilization as a whole.

Plagues do not apply for entry visas, and do not respect customs regulations and national borders. Moreover, as AIDs forewarns us, the kinds of pandemics that may be expected to issue from the African "forcing-medium" of famine and malnutrition must rapidly tend to outstrip known primitive forms of microbiology (disease) and their means of treatment, producing treatment-resistant varieties and mutant strains of greater virulence.

This is no natural catastrophe, but the direct consequence of both the International Monetary Fund's loan "conditionalities" and the racist "Global 2000" doctrine of the Carter administration. As *EIR* warned as much as 10 years ago, unless the policies of the IMF and the State Department's Global 2000 are reversed—and now, very quickly—as many as 300 million of 500 million Africans will die in a genocide far worse than Hitler's, and civilization as a whole will be confronted with the inevitable spillover effects of a crime of such proportions: the greatest biological and ecological holocaust in history.

In Africa proper, 7 million of 22 million Sudanese are scheduled to die this year—with the official endorsement of the British press. The same fate threatens Mali, Niger, Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan, and Mauritania—taking only famine, not pandemics, into account.

This year, it shall be Ibero-America's turn. In Bolivia, where 2 of 6 million people are on the verge of

famine—having eaten rather than planted their seeds to stay alive during 1984—the IMF decreed price increases for basic foodstuffs in February.

The process of human death thus unleashed is blacked out by the supranational institutions like the IMF, the United Nations, and the Red Cross, whose knowledge of African epidemics is proven. But then, after all, as Global 2000 exemplifies, it has been their declared intention to reduce the world's population by 2 billion for over a decade.

Let those who defend the IMF, who defend the genocide doctrines of Malthusianism enshrined in Global 2000, take note of the natural law whose violation is now working itself out in the African horror: When a civilization no longer respects the individual human life as sacred, when millions of Americans can watch entire continents condemned to death by oligarchical financial agencies with the backing of the U.S. government, this immorality proves also to be suicidal insanity: The holocaust we permit to crush Africa falls back on us, and we seal our own destruction, be it in the form of pandemics or in the form of a new world war.

The solution to the matter is as simple as cholera is to cure. The International Monetary Fund must be promptly abolished. An emergency global summit, the "Indira Gandhi Memorial Summit" Helga Zepp-LaRouche has demanded, must promptly introduce a set of monetary arrangements among sovereign states to generate long-term, low-interest credits for industry, agriculture, and great infrastructure and development projects. The immediate realization of such a summit is the only hope for Africa, for the developing sector, and for the advanced sector. It is the only means by which President Reagan's Hoover-like subservience to the Eastern Establishment in economic policy can be broken.

We appeal to Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, to all heads of state, and above all, to the American President: Convene the Indira Gandhi Memorial Summit.