

biotechnology. For his part, Rifkin has gloated in private conversation that he and Robertson “think alike on economics.”

In 1979, Rifkin published *The Emerging Order: God in the Age of Scarcity*, in which he described the role of fundamentalism in replacing Western civilization with a “steady state society,” an “age of conservation.” Much of Rifkin’s subsequent writings, including his better-known *Entropy*, elaborate the themes first developed there.

Rifkin’s major premise was that God created a “fixed universe,” and that “anything [science and technology in particular] that undermines the ‘fixed’ purpose and order that God has given to the natural world is also sinful and an act of rebellion. . . .”

### A zero-growth God

Rifkin further argued that the notorious 19th-century scientific fraud, the Second Law of Thermodynamics, constituted God’s “supreme law” of the universe. This “Entropy Law,” wrote Rifkin, “tells us that every time available energy is used up, it creates disorder somewhere else in the surrounding environment. The massive flow-through of energy in modern industrial society is creating massive disorder in the world we live in. The faster we streamline our technology, the faster we speed up the transforming process, the faster available energy is dissipated, the more the disorder mounts.”

To stop this inexorable collapse, said Rifkin, man must renounce science and technology, and embrace a society based on strict “limits to growth.” And just what would that mean? “The low-entropy age,” he explained, “will require a great reduction in world population. In the pre-industrial solar age, the carrying capacity of the world, in terms of human beings, was only 1 billion. Even at that, the world’s resources were being severely strained. . . . It is essential that the world begin with renewed vigor a serious program aimed at reducing the earth’s population in the decades to come. The world must once again move back toward a sustainable, Solar Age population.” (emphasis added)

And what would that Solar Age paradise be like? Rifkin wrote elsewhere: “The Solar Age will require a greater conformity to the ancient rhythms of life. While small, appropriate technology relying on very limited stocks of non-renewable energy will still be used where absolutely essential, the bulk of the transforming work will revert back to human and animal labor as it has in every other period of history before the Industrial Age.”

Given this outlook, one can be sure that if Rifkin does take up the AIDS issue, it will certainly not be from the standpoint of using science to find a cure for the deadly disease, the only sane approach to the problem. Indeed, it is quite probable that Rifkin will explicitly agitate against spending the required funds on medical research. Like his model, Bertrand Russell, Rifkin no doubt believes that epidemic diseases can be a most effective tool not only for killing off populations, but forcing the world into a new Dark Age.

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## The Media

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# ‘Black Widow’ exposé case comes to court

A *Washington Post* legal spokesman has told *EIR* that *Post* owner Katharine Graham should decide during the week of Sept. 8-12, whether to contest the release of official records concerning the death of her husband.

Richmond, Virginia, Circuit Court Judge Willard I. Walker has scheduled a hearing for Sept. 22. He will rule on a petition to release the death certificate and medical examiner’s reports, kept confidential since Philip L. Graham’s alleged suicide in 1963. A series of articles published earlier this year in *New Solidarity* newspaper, now widely known under the nickname “Black Widow,” discredited the “suicide” story and called for an official investigation. The series co-author Anton Chaitkin is bringing the Virginia court action as a first step toward a possible murder prosecution in the case.

We will here partially summarize the facts so far brought forward.

### Motivation to murder

Philip L. Graham owned, and had considerably enlarged the *Washington Post*, since his wife Katharine’s father Eugene Meyer had given it to him in the 1950s. Graham had bought *Newsweek* magazine for the *Post* Company. It soon became clear that Graham intended to run the newspaper and magazine, without regard to his wife’s contrary political views.

Graham was appointed head of the Commercial Satellite Corporation by his close friend President John F. Kennedy. The Eastern Establishment had turned viciously against Kennedy over his space program and his commitment to stand up to the Soviets with strong scientific and military development. Phil Graham opposed the wreckers of the administration, including Defense Secretary Robert MacNamara, the *New York Times*, and his own wife and her family network.

Graham had left his wife and was living with *Newsweek* employee Robin Webb of Australia, whom he intended to marry. In January 1963, on orders of his wife, he was seized at a hotel banquet, bound and drugged, and placed for 11 days in a private sanitarium, Chestnut Lodge in Rockville, Maryland.

On March 22, 1963, he wrote a last will and testament leaving control of the *Washington Post* and *Newsweek* to his fiancée Miss Webb.

To handle his divorce from Katharine Graham, Phil hired attorney Edward Bennett Williams, a notorious insider in the legal affairs of organized crime.

Williams proceeded to betray Graham, as he later told his biographer Robert Pack (in *Edward Bennett Williams for the Defense*). In June 1963, he "convinced" Phil Graham to reenter the sanitarium, "convinced" Robin Webb to leave Graham and go back to Australia, and destroyed Graham's March 22 will "in the presence of witnesses." Six weeks later, on Aug. 3, 1963, Phil Graham was released from the sanitarium into the hands of his estranged wife, and allegedly killed himself with a shotgun. There was no autopsy, and the body was cremated.

Mrs. Graham took control of the *Post* and *Newsweek*, and issued the suicide story to the media. No mention was made of the separation or of the political struggle between the Grahams. No official records of the death or of Graham's alleged mental illness were ever made public. Local authorities in Fauquier County, Virginia, claim to have lost all records of their police investigation, and the personnel involved are afraid to speak about the case without Katharine Graham's approval.

On July 12, 1963, during Phil Graham's final incarceration, Katharine's mother Agnes Meyer had written that anti-Kennedy *New York Times* executive James "Scotty" Reston, and Associated Press president Ben McKelway, had "done a great job of keeping everything out of the press."

Immediately after the Aug. 6 funeral, Katharine Graham and her mother sailed on their yacht to the Black Sea for a private meeting with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchov.

Three months later, President John F. Kennedy was shot to death in Dallas, and Phil Graham was not around to protest.

Katharine Graham converted Phil's pro-labor, pro-science, anti-communist newspaper into the most strident anti-American organ in the country. While she and her mother hosted a new dialogue between Soviet dignitaries and Anglo-American aristocrats in her New York and Washington homes, the *Post* promoted the New Age:

- Watergate, an offensive led by Katharine's new lawyer, Edward Bennett Williams! His previous experience as Senator Joe McCarthy's lawyer came in handy.
- Depopulation of the Western nations, through homosexuality, drug use, euthanasia, and "the right of disease to spread." Katharine defined liberalism by family tradition; her father had ground the people into Depression austerity as chairman of the Federal Reserve system for President Herbert Hoover.
- Destabilization of allied governments, deliberate defense security breaches, and other aid for the global rise of Soviet power.

Edward Bennett Williams biographer Robert Pack discussed the Black Widow case in an article in the August issue of *Washingtonian* magazine: "Chaitkin and [co-author Stephanie] Ezrol note that shortly before his death from a shotgun blast to the head, Philip Graham attempted to leave his estate, including control of the *Washington Post* and *Newsweek*, to his mistress, a young Australian woman named Robin Webb, but the will was nullified through the efforts of Graham's attorney and close friend, Edward Bennett Williams. As a result of the nullification, control of the *Post* Company passed to Mrs. Graham.

"The authors then make the incredible leap of logic [sic] to speculate that Katharine Graham and Edward Bennett Williams may have acted in collusion to murder Philip Graham."


Very well informed Washington intelligence sources report that Pack has come under heavy fire from Katharine Graham and company for breaking the press blackout on the story. If Mrs. Graham chooses to contest the release of the death documents on her husband, the notoriety could result in the official investigation she hopes to avoid. Otherwise, if the records are released to Chaitkin, new leads will be established which should soon allow the case to be presented to state prosecutors, or, if necessary to congressional investigators.

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