

Will George Bush be an environmentalist President?

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With less than a month to go before George Bush is inaugurated President of the United States, the naming of a top representative of the "environmentalist" lobby to head the Environmental Protection Agency has sent out a bad signal that the next U.S. administration could become the tool of the one-world supranational "ecologist" dictatorship recently promoted by Mikhail Gorbachov at the United Nations.

- President-elect George Bush's appointment of William K. Reilly to head the Environmental Protection Agency Dec. 22 marked the first time ever that the head of a major environmentalist organization has been chosen for this powerful post.

- *Time* magazine opened a new level of its assault on the human race, by naming the Earth "Planet of the Year" in place of its usual "Man of the Year" feature.

- The London *Economist*, mouthpiece of the City of London banks, gave an even blunter signal by recommending that humanity, since it is destined for extinction, should "go out in style."

- Starting on the very first day of 1989, with the onset of the latest trade dispute between the United States and the European Community, the anti-technology, anti-human dogma of "environmentalism" takes a quantum leap forward. For the first time, a major trade dispute involving billions of dollars of commerce, is triggered not over tariffs or quotas, but over an "environmental" issue—the use of hormones to improve the production of beef (see article, page 4, on the trade war).

- A new assault on the beleaguered nuclear industry in the United States is also under way, escalating with a wholesale review of all nuclear materials production plants at the behest of Ralph Nader. A Naderite group called Public Citi-

zens Critical Mass Energy Project has issued a much publicized report claiming "3,000 mishaps" and a "record 104,000 incidents" in which workers were exposed to nuclear radiation.

WWF's Reilly

William K. Reilly heads both the Conservation Foundation and the World Wildlife Fund, two heavyweight "environmentalist" groups. The World Wildlife Fund is led internationally by Britain's Prince Philip, who is known for visiting maternity wards in Third World countries to inveigh against high birth rates, and who stated during 1988 that were he to be reincarnated, he would like to return "as a deadly virus . . . in order to reverse the population explosion."

Reilly, according to the *Washington Post*, was the architect of the World Wildlife Fund's program to swap the debt of heavily indebted Third World countries for supranational control of their territory—a so-called "debt for nature" plan. The Fund has targeted Mexico, Peru, and the Philippines for such large-scale land thefts, and already implemented them in Costa Rica and Ecuador, according to a February 1988 press conference held by Prince Philip in Mexico City.

Mr. Reilly stressed during the press conference announcing his selection to head the EPA, that his priority will be to comply with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachov's call for building international cooperation on "environmental" issues.

Reilly's appointment followed a meeting between Bush and heads of the most influential "environmentalist" organizations shortly after the election, which resulted in elation from the leaders, who crowed that Bush "is one of us" afterwards. Reilly would come to the EPA after having been the executive director of the Rockefeller Task Force on Land Use

and a senior staff member of the President's Council on Environmental Quality.

Intimately related to the "environmentalists" are the so-called "animal rights" advocates, who have bombed department stores in London, and in the U.S. are now recruiting Hollywood stars to prevail on President Reagan to save animals from being used in vital scientific research—even though the recently-achieved ability to induce AIDS in mice, for example, is a major step toward developing cure for the deadly AIDS virus.

'Planet of the Year'

There is no shortage of jokes circulating at the expense of *Time* magazine's choice of the "Endangered Earth" to adorn the cover of its year-end issue as the "Planet of the Year." *Time*, which has honored the likes of the Ayatollah Khomeini, Deng Xiao-Ping and Mikhail Gorbachov as its "Man of the Year" in the recent past, this year chose to single out our home planet, depicted as a globe, wrapped in cellophane and string, supposedly like a helpless waterfowl washed ashore strangled in human debris.

In a hideous "year-end" issue that obsesses on pollution and "overpopulation," *Time* magazine endorses both the Chinese Communist murderous "one-child" birth control program and Thailand's condom king, Mechai Viravaidya. China has "galvanized" its people behind its birth-control program, *Time* writes, which has had "some distressing consequences. . . . Yet for all its failings, China's effort has produced results. The population growth rate . . . has been slashed in half to 1.4%. And the Chinese are determined to reduce the rate still further. The same formidable task will face other developing sector countries as they confront the population bomb. But confront it they must."

Time magazine avoids mentioning the fact that the Chinese "birth control" program has led to such atrocities as widespread infanticide of girl babies, and forced abortions in the late months of pregnancy.

On the same page, accompanied by a smiling picture of Mechai, *Time* calls him "a major reason that the annual rate of Thailand's population growth was cut in half . . . in just 15 years. . . . The campaign has brought about a profound change in the way Thais look at their families."

Even more blatant a signal came from the British side of the Anglo-American financial establishment for which *Time* typically speaks. The Jan. 2 edition of the London *Economist* devotes an editorial to the anticipated extinction of the entire human species, and views the prospect as good!

Entitled, "On the Destiny of the Species: In the Long Run We Are All Extinct, But Humanity Should Go Out in Style," the editorial is a paean to Darwinian "natural selection" and "survival of the fittest" theories, attacking what it considers to be mankind's proclivity to destroy the planet "by perpetrating at a precipitous rate."

Superpower agenda

This is the dawning of the age of the "environmentalist," the relative nuisance of yesteryear who has now catapulted to the top of the world superpower agenda, destined to become a grim reaper of billions.

There is a new consensus between the U.S. and Soviet Union that shared concern for the global environment must be the basis of a qualitatively new dimension of international cooperation.

The Soviets have struck this theme repeatedly at the United Nations, first with the speech of Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze in September, and then with the speech of General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachov in December. They want the U.S. to join with them in creating a new worldwide totalitarian institution with a mandate to police the globe to "protect the environment." The U.S. has indicated—by, among other things, some tell-tale appointments by President-elect George Bush—that it is willing to go along. The *Time* magazine piece is simply an acknowledgment of this development.

Those who have chosen to call themselves "environmentalists" attribute all the problems to too much intervention by man, too much technology and too many people. Their ideology, like that of Parson Thomas Malthus, who started the official British school of zero-growth quackery, is a sordid excuse for tightening the grip of economic colonialism on the world's population, and for prohibiting real, sovereign, and technologically-driven economic development, especially in the Third World. It is a synthetic construct of those who profit from the poverty that afflicts the majority of mankind, and who want to perpetuate that "system" against the potential of technology to undermine it.

In the Soviet Union, Gorbachov has announced that he plans to shut down six nuclear power plants for safety reasons. In addition, the *New York Times* reported Dec. 28 that there is great alarm over the depletion of the Aral Sea in the Transcaucasus region of the Soviet Union. The water shortage crisis in the Aral Sea region exists today because of a bureaucratic decision taken in Moscow when Gorbachov came into power in 1985 to cancel work on an ambitious water-diversion project that would have brought abundant water to the region from the giant, northern-flowing Ob River and its tributaries.

Similarly, agricultural potential throughout the North American continent has been placed at severe risk by the intervention of "environmentalists" which blocked the development of the "North American Water and Power Alliance" (NAWAPA), a project that would have brought 180 million acre feet of fresh water annually from the unused northward-flowing rivers of Canada and Alaska southward. "Environmentalist" pressures against large-scale water development projects have also contributed to the famine that has taken hundreds of millions of lives in Africa.