

New EPA head William Reilly: an Establishment 'ecofascist'

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Several weeks before the U.S. presidential election, a prominent leader of the American zero-growth lobby predicted that George Bush, once ensconced in the Oval Office, would drop his conservative anti-abortion rhetoric and emerge as a vocal proponent of population control, environmentalism, and the other major weapons of the neo-malthusians. "Bush has always believed in the limits-to-growth ethos," this person explained. "He's had to keep his views to himself over the past eight years, but that'll soon end. We're all very optimistic that he'll put overpopulation and global warming on the top of Washington's policy agenda."

With his nomination of William Reilly to head the Environmental Protection Agency, George Bush seems intent on fulfilling these expectations.

Reilly is not only a devoted member of the "greenie" cult, but, as he indicated at the press conference where his appointment was announced, is also eager to collaborate with the Soviet Union to bring about the new international ecology order which Mikhail Gorbachov called for in his Dec. 7 speech to the United Nations (see *EIR*, Jan. 6, 1989). Reilly had already gone on the record favoring new international institutions to deal with acid rain, the greenhouse effect, and related ecological hoax-issues.

As president of two of the key neo-malthusian organizations in the world, the World Wildlife Fund and the Conservation Foundation, whose merger he engineered in 1985, Reilly has helped further the real objective of environmentalism, the drastic reduction of the world's population, through a host of operations.

For instance, under Reilly's direction, the CF has carried out a multi-pronged attack on "excess" American agricultural production, urging reductions in agriculture output at a time when large numbers of the world's people are dying from famine. Also under Reilly, the World Wildlife Fund has pioneered the "debt-for-nature" schemes through which the international financial community intends to take over large portions of debtor countries' territory under the guise of protecting their natural resources and helping them with their debt problems. The WWF has already negotiated several such swaps in Ibero-America, the largest being a \$3 million deal with Costa Rica announced last March.

No wonder that U.S. environmentalists greeted Reilly's appointment with great enthusiasm, as typified by Environmental Defense Fund director Frederic Krupp's comment that the environmentalist movement "now has reason to be very optimistic that this administration will take great strides to solve environmentalist problems."

'The most evil man'

Although Reilly has carefully built himself a reputation as a conservation "moderate," who doesn't share the radical greenies' commitment to shutting down all industry and agriculture, and wants to encourage "conflict resolution" between pro- and anti-growth advocates, his credentials are ones any true eco-fascist would covet.

In Reilly's case, the old saw that you are known by the company you keep certainly applies. He is the protégé of Russell Train and William Ruckelshaus, two of the most important "Establishment" ecology fanatics in the United States, who help propagate the perverted idea that human beings have no more right to exist than an insect or a rock. This is an explicit rejection of the core belief of Judeo-Christian civilization, that man is made in the image of God, Who enjoined him to have dominion over nature.

Republicans both, Train and Ruckelshaus served as EPA directors at various times, where each made decisions that have wreaked incalculable damage on millions of lives.

A member of the Trilateral Commission and Council on Foreign Relations, Train was recently described by a prominent entomologist as "the most evil man in America" for banning the pesticide dieldrin—an action he took while head of EPA, even though a scientific committee convened by the agency to study the issue said there was no reason to outlaw use of the substance. According to another entomologist, Prof. Gordon Edwards, writing in the Sept. 2, 1988 issue of *EIR*, that decision led directly to the locust plague which has ravaged Ethiopia and neighboring African countries.

Train is a close friend of George Bush, and reportedly recommended Reilly for the EPA post.

Ruckelshaus, Train's predecessor at EPA, not only set the stage for the dieldrin ban, but also banned another important pesticide, DDT. Like Train, Ruckelshaus ignored a rul-

ing by the EPA's own hearing examiner, Edmond Sweeney, who flatly stated in an official decision that, contrary to the environmentalists' arguments, DDT was "not a carcinogenic hazard to man" and that its uses under proper conditions "do not have a deleterious effect" on wildlife. Ruckelshaus's principal concern, however, was killing people, not protecting wildlife, so he banned DDT anyway.

Train now serves as chairman of the Conservation Foundation, and Ruckelshaus sits on its board.

All the evidence suggests that Reilly shares his patrons' genocidal commitments. For one thing, he has already indicated that he will fully exploit the "greenhouse effect" hoax. In "Conservation Agenda for the '90s," published in the November/December 1988 issue of the WWF's newsletter, Reilly urged the new U.S. President to "promote scientific research into the effects of global warming on natural ecosystems and, as part of a concerted national effort, take forceful action to mitigate the severe consequences for life on Earth. I would be surprised," he continued, "if this does not entail major changes in energy policy and large investments to mitigate the ill effects of the world's heavy dependence on fossil fuels." Reilly did not spell out what those major changes should be, but sources close to him say he believes that cow dung could provide a major new energy source.

Nazi heritage

Trained at Harvard, Reilly first learned the malthusian ropes while working as executive director of the Rockefeller Task Force on Land Use, and as a member of the President's Council on Environmental Quality. From there, he went on to become president of the Conservation Foundation, headquartered in Washington, D.C., and the World Wildlife Fund.

The WWF, a creature of European oligarchical interests, is perhaps best known as a forum for the savagely racist views of its most prominent member, Prince Philip, who regularly fulminates against the "excessive" birth rate in the Third World, while insisting that man must stop meddling with nature by building dams and other basic requisites of existence. The good Prince is otherwise known for his statement that, were he to be reincarnated, he would like to "come back as a killer virus."

The Conservation Foundation was established for the express purpose of giving a patina of respectability to Adolf Hitler's eugenics policies—policies which led millions of Jews, Poles, and other "useless eaters" into the gas chambers.

The CF was set up in 1948, as a direct spin-off of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, which was dominated by the leading European oligarchical families. The moving force behind the organization was American eugenicist Fairfield Osborn, who, four years later, set up the Population Council, underscoring the direct link between "conservation" and genocide. Fairfield's father, Henry, a nephew of J.P. Morgan, helped create the American eugenics movement in the early years of the 20th century. Together

with the Harriman family, and such self-styled race scientists as Charles Davenport and Madison Grant, Osborn campaigned for forced sterilization of "defectives," and for harsh laws to severely restrict immigration from Southern and Eastern Europe, whose populations he deemed genetically inferior to white Anglo-Saxon stock.

In 1932, Osborn teamed with Averell Harriman and other members of his "liberal" family to sponsor the Third Eugenics Conference in New York City, which called for "purifying" the white race, and which unanimously elected Dr. Ernest Rudin president of the International Federation of Eugenics Organizations. Dr. Rudin later wrote Hitler's Nazi race laws.

The Conservation Foundation's aim was to revive Hitler's policies, but, because of the obvious political difficulties presented, to use the cover of "protecting nature" against the depredations of mankind, especially the peoples of Africa, Asia, and Ibero-America. In its 1961 annual report, the organization asserted the need for "adult indoctrination on an unusually large and well-organized scale" to overturn America's inbred belief in scientific and technological progress.

To accomplish this, the CF set about to introduce a "conservation curriculum" into U.S. schools—a task which met with mild success—and to create environmentalist shock troops which could be deployed against industrial and agricultural development to keep "natural limits" on population growth in place. To this end, it established a slew of activist organizations, including Resources for the Future and the Environmental Defense Fund—which initiated the legal proceedings which led to the EPA's genocidal banning of diel-drin and DDT.

The outfit was a seminal force behind passage of the 1969 National Environmental Policy Act, which created the apparatus for gutting America's industrial and technological base, and was the only non-governmental sponsor of Earth Day, the 1970 extravaganza which kicked off the mass eco-fascist movement. Its board includes such loudmouthed no-growthers as Richard Lamm, the former governor of Colorado who triggered an international uproar in 1984 when he bluntly stated that the elderly and the sick should "die and get out of the way."

The Foundation set out its genocidal goals in its first annual report, which stated, "Increasing population causes a drain on natural resources which is geometric, not arithmetic. . . . Science cannot be expected to supplant the vital processes of nature."

Thirty years later, Reilly echoed that genocidal outlook in another Foundation annual report, asserting that the "continuing population explosion" had to be addressed, and praising Fairfield Osborn for identifying this as an inescapable priority.

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