

Interview: Helga Zepp-LaRouche



We must win the battle against the eco-fascists

Helga Zepp-LaRouche is the founder of the Schiller Institute, formed in 1984 to rebuild the German-American relationship on the basis of reanimating the best in both nations' cultures. In 1982, she created the Club of Life, committed to combating neo-malthusianism and other genocidal ideas propagated by groups like the Club of Rome. She was interviewed on March 23 by Mark Burdman.

EIR: For years, Lyndon LaRouche, yourself, and your political associates have been battling the neo-malthusian “ecologist” movement. Recently, in Washington, Prince Philip praised “pagan pragmatism” as preferable to the Judeo-Christian tradition, for solving problems of “conservation.” In London, Prince Charles attacked the Book of Genesis, insisting on “stewardship” and “kinship with nature.” As someone who has spent the better part of two decades leading fights against such ideas, what is your reaction to this?

Zepp-LaRouche: Our characterization of the ecological movement as *eco-fascist*, is completely proven. These people, like Prince Charles and Prince Philip, are attacking the foundations of Judeo-Christian civilization, the conviction that man is created in the living image of God, which is the foundation of everything that is best in our civilization and tradition. The last time that this idea was attacked in this way was by the Nazis. The inner core of the SS and the group around Hitler not only wanted to eliminate the Jews, but, as recent historical papers have pointed out, this was only the first step; the next step was to eliminate all Christians.

The very basic idea of the inner Nazi belief structure, was the idea of going exactly back to the pre-Christian mythologies, the idea of the pagan gods, of the nature gods. It was the idea of Gaia, the so-called “eternal return of the same,” of which Nietzsche was a spokesman. The same barbaric ideology was common to the Roman Empire of Tiberius. This is the philosophy out of which Nazism and Bolshevism developed in the 20th century. So, Prince Charles and Prince Philip are espousing the ideology of the Roman Empire, and later picked up by the Nazis. Now they sit in the same boat as the Nazis.

As for Prince Philip talking of the “pragmatism” of paganism: Let nobody have any illusions, such talk of the “pagan pragmatic solution” is another term for genocide. The

eco-fascists have advocated this for years, when they have said that population control is not enough, that the death rate had to be increased by “natural causes.” This was advocated by William Paddock, in his proposal for cutting the Mexican population by half. The same concept has been advocated by [Club of Rome co-founder] Alexander King, by the Worldwatch Institute. What they mean, when they say increasing the death rate by “natural causes,” is denying credits for development, in order to create the conditions of starvation and regional chaos that reduce population. They have the same mentality as those who were in the dock at Nuremberg, who sat at their desks in the years before, signing the death sentences under the Nazis.

EIR: In 1974, you had some interesting encounters with such people. Can you tell us about this?

Zepp-LaRouche: I really understood for the first time, when I attended the World Population Conference in Bucharest, in August 1974, what this mentality is about. Besides the government involvement there, there were parallel events, including people like John D. Rockefeller III. He addressed the gathering, talking about “overpopulation.” That word was a “Rockefeller baby.” People from the developing countries knew that it was absurd to talk about overpopulation when the real problem was massive *underpopulation*, from the standpoint of what would be required for an adequate division of labor for an industrialized society. They would need massive population growth to develop. So, everybody saw it was a hoax.

Behind the whole concept, were the two hoaxsters from MIT, Meadows and Forrester, who had written their *Limits to Growth* in 1972. I say hoaxsters, because they said that the world had reached some kind of equilibrium, in which there would be ever scarcer resources. This book was promoted with massive propaganda. Years later, Meadows and Forrester admitted that they had invented the figures, programmed their computers, to create an artificial debate.

So we understood the absurdities, but also the dangers involved in this idea. We intervened, by attacking John D. Rockefeller III, Margaret Mead, Lester Brown, and so on, accusing them of genocide 100 times worse than that committed by Hitler. This produced some raving reactions.

In the meantime, since 1974, even such a moderate political figure as Egypt's President Mubarak, in a speech to the World Food Council, estimated that International Monetary Fund policies since the beginning of the 1980s have caused 512 million people to die. In my view, that is a conservative estimate. But that is still 100 times worse than Hitler. And now we have the present explosion of migrations, famines, and epidemics.

Obviously, the World Population Conference in Bucharest was one key inflection point for the eco-fascists to come out in an open fashion.

EIR: What was the public disposition of the Soviets and the East bloc crowd at Bucharest? Today, they are completely open in their endorsement of such perspectives.

Zepp-LaRouche: The people from the Soviet Union who were openly in favor of eco-fascism at that time were relatively few. It was restricted to people like Ivan Frolov, people participating in the projects of IASA [International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis], and so on. But while they kept their profile low, the Soviets nonetheless had a major role in launching the green-ecologist movement as a fifth column to undermine the industrial perspectives in the West. This needs to be investigated more: the conscious warfare by the Soviets against the West, to undermine Western industrial society.

In any case, the Soviets haven't shown much concern about conservation, have they? Look at Chernobyl, Bitterfeld [in East Germany]. They couldn't care less.

EIR: The LaRouche political movement has been the target of hysterical attacks, culminating in a wide range of pseudo-legal attacks in the United States, the jailing of LaRouche and various associates, and so on. Could you say something about how the ecological question comes into this adversarial relationship? How do those who ran that Bucharest event and who coordinate the eco-fascist movement today view the threat posed by LaRouche?

Zepp-LaRouche: In 1974, Lyndon LaRouche made an excellent analysis, predicting that the then-dominant policies toward the developing sector would lead to a potentially irreversible ecological catastrophe, especially for Africa, but also elsewhere in the developing sector. In the meantime, what he warned about has been 100% confirmed for Africa, by the combination of AIDS—spreading very fast because of the weakened immunity caused by malnutrition and disease—and famine, locusts, etc.

But LaRouche also proposed a program for the industrialization of Africa, and also for the developing countries—development of infrastructure, industry, and agriculture, education policies, an integrated program spanning two generations. Had these policies been adopted, not only would the present catastrophe have been prevented, but there would no more hunger, and people around the world would be able to lead a decent life in human dignity. It would be a different world.

Looking at the perspective from 16 years ago to the present, it is obvious that these people haven't changed their attitude from the time of Cecil Rhodes, who proposed at the turn of the century to eliminate black Africans from the African continent, and to reinhabit Africa with white Anglo-Saxons. Prince Charles and Prince Philip are in this tradition.

The international financial eco-fascist elite wants to maintain its own privileges, as outmoded and outdated as that may be, by keeping the developing nations as producers of nothing except raw materials. From their world outlook, which is racist and fascist to the hilt, they would see as a big threat somebody who puts forward economic policies based on the right of development, in which every person is seen as in the living image of God, and has the inalienable right to live in this sense, of the living image of God. This, in my view, is the essence of the conflict. If you believe that every human life is sacred, then you cannot carry out genocide. They have understood very clearly, that the economic policies of LaRouche would make rule based on eco-fascism impossible.

EIR: As someone who has led the fight for a New Just World Economic Order, what is your reaction to the TV shows that are being aired this week as part of "One World Week?" Like the BBC-made movie "The March," which shows "fictional events" of 1993, millions of starving Africans, led by a messianic leader, "invading" Europe?

Zepp-LaRouche: It is identifying a real problem. We have watched the new malthusianism for a long time, and we know their view, that mass migration would be a means of population reduction. There is a true element in this. You cannot have the better part of the developing world living in conditions of starvation, with hundreds of millions of people having no perspective except to die of hunger. There cannot be an economic collapse in the East bloc, the Soviet Union, and China, while you think you sit on a little island of prosperity somewhere else, while the majority is dying before your eyes. This is quite real. However, their solution, which is really to have none, is ridiculous. If the idea of the BBC film were to wake people up, then you are obliged to say right after this: We need a crash program of developing agriculture, a mass food production program, as the LaRouche Food for Peace program indicates. So, there is a positive function in waking people up, but not to mention a solution is evil.

Mankind is now confronted indeed with what Lyndon LaRouche warned: The world food shortage is the main dynamic leading toward war. There cannot be the breakdown in the dimensions we are seeing today, without the danger of war—regional war, but also global war. The answer is to stop the malthusian policies, and start the ideas of LaRouche: a New World Economic Order in line with the papal encyclical *Populorum Progressio*. We need a crash food production program, the Food for Peace program—now.