

nations of Ibero-America pay five times the annual debt interest alone, that they would have paid under the debt reorganization and national investment proposals of LaRouche in his 1982 economic plan, "Operation Juárez."

### Oil blackmail

From Africa, a representative of the Republic of Sudan, Abu Bakr al Shingeiti, demonstrated the devastating oil blackmail against Third World nations resulting from Bush's Gulf war. As a result of the war, Sudan must now spend 70% of its foreign currency earnings on oil, and has had its currency devalued by 65%—this is typical of those many nations whose oil supply depended, in whole or in part, on Iraq. In the wake of the war, he said, the Bush administration is now asking Congress to cut off all development and humanitarian aid to the nations of the Horn of Africa: Sudan, Somalia, and Ethiopia.

After oil, the next priceless economic element to be lost by Third World nations in the "new world order" will be refrigera-

tion; this was described by Rogelio Maduro, author of a forthcoming book on the scientific hoaxes being used to ban the basic refrigeration chemicals, chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). Maduro showed that if these bans tighten as planned during the course of the 1990s, the nations of the world will have to scrap 620,000 refrigerators, 120,000 industrial-size refrigerators, and 100,000 refrigeration trucks and railcars by the year 2000. The "replacement technologies" will be 30 times as expensive and far less effective than those based on CFCs.

Kathleen Klenetsky of *EIR* demonstrated that the Anglo-American establishment is actually moving to ban export of many of the most vital industrial and agricultural chemicals to Third World nations right now, through new export-control regulations put forward by the Bush White House and follow-up legislation in Congress. She quoted one of their backers, Sen. Albert Gore, Jr., (D-Tenn.) through his aide: "I don't give a damn if this hurts the Third World. If it's a choice between that and American troops having to go into battle, then I say, screw 'em."

## George Bush and the Emperor Augustus

*The following is an excerpt from the speech by Warren Hamerman to the conference of the Commission to Investigate Human Rights Violations in the United States. It was delivered on the Ides of March.*

Through a crudely organized world media campaign, George Bush has initiated his own "apotheosis" or "deification" in the pattern of the Roman emperors. The process of "apotheosis" is characteristic of pagan empires such as Egypt and Rome which literally make the emperor one among many gods to be worshipped. The closest historical parallel to George Bush's intentions is the case of the Emperor Augustus who died in 14 A.D. and was voted a "god" by the Roman Senate three days later. It was under the son of Augustus, the Emperor Tiberius, a decade and a half later, that Jesus Christ was crucified.

After the Roman Senate deified Augustus, it issued a document entitled "The Acts of the Deified Augustus" edited by the late Emperor himself before his death, to explain how he "placed the whole world under the sovereignty of the Roman people" and brought back "the spoils of war" and "war tribute" to fill the Empire's central treasury.

A few quotations from Augustus's Acts has the unmistakable tone of George Bush's triumphalism:

"I gave the people the spectacle of a naval battle beyond the Tiber. . . . After my victory I replaced in the temples in all the cities of the province of Asia the ornaments which my antagonist in the war, when he despoiled the temples, had appropriated to his private use. Silver statues of me, on foot, on horseback, and in chariots were erected in the city to the number of about 80. . . . The whole of Italy voluntarily took oath of allegiance to me and demanded me as its leader in the war in which I was victorious at Actium. The provinces of the Spains, the Gauls, Africa, Sicily, and Sardinia took the same oath of allegiance. Those who served under my standards at that time included more than seven hundred senators. . . . I extended the boundaries of all the provinces which were bordered by races not yet subject to our empire. The provinces of the Gauls, the Spains, and Germany, bounded by the ocean from Gades to the mouth of the Elbe, I reduced to a state of peace. The Alps, from the region which lies nearest to the Adriatic as far as the Tuscan Sea, I brought to a state of peace without waging on any tribe an unjust war. . . . On my order and under my auspices two armies were led, at almost the same time, into Ethiopia and into Arabia which is called 'The Happy,' and very large forces of the enemy of both races were cut to pieces in battle and many towns were captured."

These themes of Augustus—"reducing nations to a state of peace," or inviting conquered populations to "voluntarily swear" allegiance to him, or gloating of "cutting to pieces" whole armies, or justifying all carnage in the name of self-proclaimed "just wars"—are the model for George Bush's "new world order" today.