

Chicago probes NSC genocide memorandum

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The Chicago City Council's Committee on Health, Aging, and Disability is currently holding a series of hearings on the recently declassified National Security Study Memorandum 200 (NSSM 200), entitled "Implications of Worldwide Population Growth for U.S. Security and Overseas Interests," first issued on Dec. 10, 1974 by the National Security Council (NSC), under the supervision of then-Secretary of State and National Security Adviser Henry Kissinger. The hearings are the first official examination into why anti-population policies are being fostered by agencies of the U.S. government. The issue has aroused controversy across the United States and abroad.

In his letter to President Bush, inviting Bush's testimony on the document, Alderman Ed Smith (28th Ward) states: "With the year 2000 rapidly approaching, the issue of population growth and control is of paramount interest to all." Alderman Smith, chairman of the committee, invites Bush's participation in the hearings "as an identified participant in the creation of this document." Similar invitations were sent to Henry Kissinger, National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers Michael J. Boskin, and National Institutes of Health official Dr. Robert Gallo. None of the invitations was accepted.

NSSM 200 was first exposed by *EIR* last year as a genocidal policy document, whose thesis is that, as a matter of national security, the United States should encourage population reduction in the developing sector—and especially in nations whose populations are non-white.

'Genocidal' drug problem

Two hearings have been held to date, one on Dec. 9 and the second on Jan. 13. The immediate subject of the hearings is a resolution which calls for a thorough investigation of the implications of NSSM 200 for the African-American population in this country. The resolution was put before the committee by the coalition organization Peoples' International Government to Abolish Genocide (Pigtag), whose chairman is civil rights leader Rev. James L. Bevel. Reverend Bevel has himself given testimony to the committee at both hearings, outlining what he calls the "genocidal" intent of NSSM 200 toward African-Americans, as well as social mea-

asures which Pigtag proposes to ameliorate the condition of blacks in this country.

A total of 10 speakers have addressed the committee, including two Chicago aldermen who are also co-signers of the resolution. Alderman Robert Shaw (9th Ward), testifying on Jan. 13, declared, "Whether it is the National Security Council or the World Bank, whoever or whatever these hearings implicate in genocide, let the facts hang out." He called for adoption of the resolution by the Chicago City Council, to help stop what he termed the "genocidal drug problem" in Chicago.

Alderman Dorothy Tillman (3rd Ward) also testified at the second hearing, which occurred, she noted with approval, during the week in which Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday is commemorated. She called on the city of Chicago to take leadership to wipe out the "state of genocide" brought about by the crack-cocaine epidemic in the city's black population, and to begin by passing the Pigtag resolution.

Reverend Bevel, a long-time associate of Dr. King, presented a copy of the full NSSM 200 portfolio to the committee and briefly outlined the genocidal implications of the memo in his presentation to the committee on Dec. 9. At the Jan. 13 hearing, Reverend Bevel recalled his days as a leader of the voting rights movement with Dr. King: "When I was in Mississippi to register people to vote, I couldn't find people who were disenfranchised—they were afraid of getting shot. How do you get rid of that fear? Through knowledge and education." He warned that if black Americans don't move now to reverse the genocide against them, "Ours will be the same fate as the American Indian."

Dr. Conrad Worrill, leaders of the National Black United Front in Chicago, gave testimony at the first hearing, and charged, "Genocide against black people in America still continues with government direction." When Chairman Smith questioned this statement, Dr. Worrill responded, "Soon 70% of African-American males in the United States will be in jails or addicted to drugs. And there is no question that the government is involved in drug trafficking."

Several of the speakers drew on material that *EIR* has made available. Rev. Melvin Delk of Chicago cited *EIR*'s documentation of the sterilization of 40% of Brazil's women as a result of a conscious genocide policy advocated by the U.S. government. Ernest Washington, a former Chicago firefighter and a representative of the Schiller Institute, gave testimony at both hearings on the warfare conducted by NSSM 200 author Kissinger against *EIR* and the political movement of Lyndon LaRouche, to prevent the exposé of Kissinger's genocidal policies.

Chairman Smith concluded the second hearing with a pledge to present the resolution to the full City Council and to hold a third hearing on Feb. 10 at 9:00 a.m. "As long as I am chairman of this committee," he said, "there will be a forum for this, and we will continue to hold hearings on the genocide issue."