

Castro consummates 'green' turn of the communist movement

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During his visit to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in early June to attend the so-called Earth Summit, Cuban President Fidel Castro openly adopted the demented green malthusian perspective as a rallying point for pro-terrorist and leftist shock troops on the continent. Castro thus joined the Anglo-American oligarchy, which planned the Earth Summit as a deliberate blow to the fundamental precepts of western Christian civilization, in offering "environmental militancy" to a communist movement bereft of doctrine ever since the fall of the Berlin Wall.

In addressing heads of state at the June 12 plenary session of the Earth Summit, Castro also gave clear signals to the United States that, apart from the ecology issue, he would support other aberrant aspects of President George Bush's new world order, namely, the demilitarization of the continent, a proposal contained in the plan promoted by former U.S. Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, which demands the dismantling of the continent's armed forces and channeling defense budgets into other areas.

"Now that the alleged threat of communism has disappeared and there are no longer any more excuses for cold wars, arms races, and military spending, what is blocking the immediate use of these resources to promote the development of the Third World and to fight the threat of the ecological destruction of the planet?" asked Castro, winning the effusive applause of President Bush.

While the disarmament proposal is a longstanding aspect of the famous Cuban plan, launched eight years ago, to reorganize the foreign debt of the region, it now precisely coincides with the proposals put forth by the most influential representatives of the Anglo-American establishment for disarming the continent. It is notable, for example, that the U.S.-based World Resources Institute (WRI), one of the brains behind the world eco-fascist movement whose board of directors includes McNamara, has been a pioneer in formulating proposals for diverting military budgets to fund environmental defense projects.

Backing the environmental police

Castro applauded the efforts of the Norwegian delegation, one of the most explicitly racist and malthusian at the summit. Headed by its prime minister, the infamous zero-growther Gro Harlem Brundtland, the Norwegian team,

along with others, enthusiastically promoted the idea of turning the World Bank into a global environmental police force, imposing new and genocidal environmental conditionalities upon, especially, Third World nations seeking financial aid.

It was during a June 16 interview with *Jornal do Brasil* (see box) that Castro offered a glimpse into the most intimate features of his Pol Pot-style anti-technology convictions. "Promotion of the life-style [of the United States] has become the ambition of all of Third World society. But to live like that is impossible." Imagine, insisted Castro, if "the development model for China was one car per person. The same with Africa. How long would fuel last? How long would the air last? If the air is already receiving 21 billion tons of carbon dioxide a year . . . the consequences are disastrous for the soil and the water, causing a universal catastrophe."

Castro also was intransigent in defense of the death penalty, which is mercilessly employed by the Cuban state to eliminate its political dissidents.

Targeting Christianity

The "green turn" that Castro consummated in Rio has been under preparation for quite some time, at the hands of two gurus of Marxist liberation theology, the Brazilians Fray Betto and theologian Leonardo Boff. Both are members of Castro's circle of friends, both were advisers to the birthing of the ecclesiastic "base communities" created by the Sandinistas in Nicaragua, and both maintain a notable influence among the communists of the continent, above all among those movements which have adopted the racist doctrine of "indigenism."

Following the defeat of the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua, and the fall of communism in eastern Europe, Fray Betto issued a call for the creation of "popular movements" premised on defense of the environment, since ecology has the potential to become "intrinsically revolutionary," he wrote in a July 1990 article published in *Jornal do Brasil*.

Frontally attacking an essential concept of Christianity, as reflected in Genesis 28 (which orders man to "fill the Earth and subdue it"). Fray Betto described this divine mandate as mere "Biblical fundamentalism" and "capitalist pragmatism." In sum, according to the so-called "green revolutionary praxis," any external manifestation of this Christian view will become a target of the green proto-terrorists, as is already occurring with the bloodthirsty

Shining Path (Sendero Luminoso) terrorists in Peru.

A 'universal ecological fraternity'

The influence of Fray Betto, one of the political brains behind Brazil's Workers Party (PT), was recently in evidence at a mid-June meeting in Rosario, Argentina which sought to reorganize under a single command structure the continent's pro-terrorist and communist movements. That command structure is already taking shape as the São Paulo Forum. The Rosario meeting proposed a continental magazine to be possibly headed by Fray Betto.

What was unusual about the Rosario meeting was that organizations which openly carry out armed activities in their respective countries were present, for example, the Simón Bolívar Guerrilla Coordinating Group from Colombia and the Manuel Rodríguez Patriotic Front from Chile. It is also worth noting that the mid-term perspective of the Colombian Coordinator, according to the press of that country, is that there will soon be a military coup in the former Soviet Union to restore communism, and that the revolutionary movements of Ibero-America must prepare themselves for that eventuality. According to Argentine press reports on the meeting, which drew 318 delegates from numerous countries, the most important speech given was that of Cuban Communist Party representative Germán Sánchez, who emphasized that "a new socialism must be generated," based on "a new morality."

This call for a "new morality" echoes the line of Fray Betto's counterpart, theologian Leonardo Boff, who has de-

voted himself full-time to a gnostic project that seeks to establish a "revolutionary spiritual basis" for the environmentalist movement.

Boff has committed himself to furthering the campaign that Castro and the global financial oligarchy has launched to denigrate the 500th Anniversary of the Discovery and Evangelization of the New World, by calling it "genocide." In his new book perpetuating the Black Legend, entitled *Latin America: From the Conquest to the New Evangelization*, Boff says that what he hopes to create through a defense of the environment is a new "development paradigm," which sacrifices everything for the sake of "respect for nature" and the sacred Mother Earth. The conquistadors, Boff insists, were insensitive to the mystical beliefs of the Indians who attributed sacred qualities to the Earth.

Thus, says Boff, "In the development-ecology equation, one must always opt for ecology, even at the cost of development."

Of course, Boff's ideas are hardly new; they reflect the same old Anglo-American colonial design for keeping the nations of the South as enslaved raw materials producers. This sentiment permeated the Earth Summit.

The only thing new is that Boff and the new communists hope to get Third World population sufficiently dazzled by the false gods of nature to impose genocide upon themselves. Boff admits that his ambitious goal is to create a gnostic "universal ecological fraternity," which is nothing but the eco-fascist "new order" of the corrupt Anglo-American elites.

Everyone must live with less, proclaims Castro

Fidel Castro made the following remarks in his interview with Jornal do Brasil on June 16.

The Americans are the ones who have most contaminated the environment because they consume three-quarters of the energy they produce. They consume the bulk of the metals and of the raw materials. There is also the problem of their habits and life-style. Promotion of that life-style has become the ambition of all of Third World society. But to live like that is impossible. I offer this analysis. For example, in the United States every house has at least two cars. There is nearly one car per capita. Now suppose the Chinese development model were to seek a car per person. Or the same with Africa. How long would fuel last? How long would the air last? If the air is already receiving 21 billion tons of carbon dioxide a year, I would say 25% is coming from the United States.

The consequences are disastrous for the soil and the water, causing a universal catastrophe. The terrible heat, the cyclones, the excessive rainfall, periods of drought. The hottest years of the century were the last 10 years. . . . The reduction of the ozone layer is serious because it protects man from the ultraviolet rays. Both the developed nations and those which want to develop are aware of this problem.

On Darwin

The reality in the world shows us that humanity has to become more rational if it wants to survive. No to nuclear war, no to environmental contamination; to survive preserving the conditions of life to which man adapted millions of years ago, evolving from that point. No one any longer denies the theory of evolution. Even Darwin, criticized and slandered, is now accepted by everyone. Even the British prime minister mentioned Darwin in his speech. Everyone accepts the theory of evolution of the species, of this species which evolved as an intelligent being, but it has yet to be demonstrated that this was for the good of nature. . . .