

prime magistracies and setting up fraudulent legislative elections, which were boycotted by 87% of the population, the Syrian regime mortgaged political decision-making and created a de facto state, on the eve of a process of normalization at the regional level. In this way it intended to consecrate the de facto annexation of the Land of the Cedars. The Lebanese Army, target of a systematic restructuring and victim of the lack of free and independent political decisions, became totally paralyzed and unable to carry out its national mission. Security became risky, peace impossible.

The height of irony was the turning over of the fate of an entire people to Syria, a state deemed terrorist by the highest international bodies. Syria, which had taken turns playing in Lebanon the role of singing-master and pyromaniac-fireman, was entrusted with the mission of gendarme of peace. Right now the peace talks for the Middle East are proceeding full-tilt, which are a decisive phase in the history of the region. In these negotiations, Lebanon, while it is present, might as well not be there; the Lebanese delegation is completely subjected to the will of Damascus. This was why it found itself incapable of giving a response to the latest Israeli proposals.

Bound and gagged, Lebanon has become a card in the hands of the Syrian regime. The latter manipulates it at its whim, as it did with the hostage card or the Hezbollah card. Let us be clear: Only a free Lebanese decision can assume the voice of Lebanon and speak in its name. And the legitimate task of negotiating the fate of the nation belongs to a coalition of free national forces which are not vassals of the occupier. This should prepare the way, then, for free elections from which a legitimate and representative power would emerge—capable alone of establishing a true and irrevocable security and of taking part in a just and lasting peace.

In this Middle East hotbed where all sorts of passions burn, Lebanon is a necessity for peace. This is why it becomes urgent that its freedom of decision be restored. If I appeal to you, it is to ask you to use all necessary efforts to oppose the process of absorption of Lebanon by Syria, so that my country may benefit from what belongs to it by virtue of a Charter to which it is a signatory.

We understand very well that politics is made up of interests which sometimes impose difficult choices. But I still believe that respect for the rights of man goes hand in hand with a nation's long-term interests, and that the country which commits itself to enforcing them enjoys an excellent image in the eyes of the world, a winning card which becomes more and more important in our times.

This vision of the international system is not utopian. Because it conforms to the law, it is quite realistic. Every day, events in Somalia, in Georgia, and in Bosnia offer us the irrefutable proof that human progress and the future of peace are strictly tied to respect for cultural differences and to the right of peoples to self-determination.

## Gore Vidal unveils oligarchs' genocidal 1990s blueprint

by Mark Burdman

Gore Vidal is the attack dog for what might be called the "Southern Confederacy" wing of the American political-cultural establishment. He says, out loud, what many oligarchical figures only dare to say, in private, at their country clubs and posh parties. Over the years, the themes of his novels have ranged from hysterical anti-Christian propaganda (*Live from Golgotha*) to idolization of the Roman-Byzantine imperium (*Julian*), to a series of historical fictions which have portrayed American history as an inevitable evolution toward world empire, and in which Abraham Lincoln is subjected to a barrage of gossip, slander, and bile (in the novel *Lincoln*, most notably). In March 1987, Vidal told a São Paulo, Brazil audience that the rapid spread of AIDS would have positive features, since it would lead to mass contraception and undermine resistance in the Catholic world as well as in India and China to birth control, and, in this way, "reduce the world's population, which is about 6 billion today, to 2 billion in a generation." On Dec. 19, 1988, he recommended on West German television that the Soviet Union and United States cooperate on such "soluble" problems as the world "population explosion," since "there are 4 billion people too many." He was also one of the earlier figures to pronounce in favor of the legalization of drugs.

In the past days, Vidal has been hyperactive on the London scene, expounding on several of these themes and coming up with a series of outrageous new proposals. Perversely, Vidal is usefully revealing the *oligarchical mind-set and strategy* in the most undiluted way imaginable, as the world heads toward the mid-1990s.

### Call for a 'white race confederacy'

On Oct. 10, he authored an article for the London *Sunday Telegraph*, which was the basis for a speech he was to give the next night to the *Daily Telegraph*, in which he called for the creation of a "northern white race confederacy" to defend the white race, economically and otherwise, from the Asian and other non-white races, attacked the 15th-century Golden Renaissance for causing an increase in world population, and castigated Europeans for exporting their "crude, savage, and hostile-to-life monotheism" to countries they were to colonize.

On Oct. 17, British Sunday newspapers highlighted ex-

cerpts from Vidal's new book, *United States: Essays 1952-1992*, which has just been published in Britain. In one essay, he attacks religion as incomprehensible and vile, declaring, "I see no good in Judaism, Christianity, or Islam," and denouncing monotheism as "the greatest disaster ever to befall the human race." He is quoted from a second essay attacking "breeders," since "five and a half billion people now clutter a small planet built for two. Simply to maintain the breeders in the United States, we have managed to poison all our water. . . . For a century, we have been breeding like a virus under optimum conditions." In line with this, he attacks the institution of marriage, and praises the superiority of "same-sexers," a neologism for homosexuals (Vidal himself is a notorious homosexual). In his view, "same-sexers . . . should be considered benefactors by everyone, while the breeders must be discouraged, though, of course, not persecuted."

Vidal is not a "lone assassin" against the human race. His patronage by the *Telegraph* chain is indicative. That chain is owned by Canada's well-connected magnate and oligarchical insider Conrad Black, and has on its board of directors such enemies of humanity as former British Foreign Secretary Lord Peter Carrington and former U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger.

In certain of his ideas, Vidal is also expressing the direction of thinking of leading figures in the American political establishment. In substance, how different is his "northern white race confederacy" idea from the lead article in the Summer 1993 edition of *Foreign Affairs*, journal of the New York Council on Foreign Relations? That article, by Harvard University professor and Trilateral Commission strategist Samuel Huntington, says that coming years will be defined by a "clash of civilizations," pitting "the West against the rest," with various Asian and Middle Eastern countries defined as the enemies of "the West." Similarly, the European press has been giving much coverage to a new book, *The Real World Order: Zones of Peace, Zones of Turmoil*, by U.S. strategists Max Singer and Aaron Wildavsky, suggesting that the United States simply write off some two-thirds of the world, including virtually all of Asia (excluding Japan, Australia, and New Zealand) and Africa, since these "zones" will inevitably descend into chaos. The United States, they advise, should rather concentrate on strengthening relations in and among the "industrial democracies."

To go from such ideas to Vidal's global race-confrontation and queer population-reduction proposals requires, perhaps, only a shift in degree, emphasis, and perversity.

### **Man's greed and will to dominate**

Vidal's Oct. 10 *Sunday Telegraph* piece was headlined "Race Against Time," with the subtitle: "The Tribes Are on the Move, Converging on Europe and North America. What Hopes Are There for the Survival of the White Nation-State as the Next Millennium Dawns?"

He wrote: "At the start of the next millennium, the white

race will make up about 13% of the world's population. . . . Something must be done in order for us to survive economically in what looks to be, irresistibly, an Asian world. I would propose that, as our numbers are so few relative to those of Japan, China and India, that we come together in a northern confederacy of Europe, Russia, Canada, the United States. . . . A loose confederation for the general economic good is a more achievable business."

Certainly, the term "confederacy" was not accidental; Vidal is a "Confederate" through and through.

Vidal alluded to the fact that he had first floated the idea, in February 1987, at an "international peace forum" of "between 600 and 700 non-communist worthies in the arts, sciences and business" organized by Mikhail Gorbachov in the Kremlin. Attempts to integrate the Russians into it, he asserted, could involve "much strain in the short run but, in the long run, the creation of a large prosperous entity based upon geographical latitude and the pale, lonely 13% of the world's population" would be "a means of economic survival through union. Without links to us, Russia will break up; Europe will decline; lonely little England will drift off along with Ireland and Greenland and Iceland and Newfoundland and all the other Arctic islands; while the United States will take its place somewhere between hypertense Brazil and lachrymose Argentina."

Vidal then lyingly invoked Alexander Hamilton to defend his idea, recasting him as a proponent of the bestialist views of Britain's 17th-century philosopher Thomas Hobbes. According to Vidal, Hamilton was "the cleverest of America's founding fathers; he was also the most realistic. Instead of going on about the brotherhood of man, he said, in effect, let us take into account man's essential greed and will to dominate, and let us allow for these traits in our constitution so that self-interest, reasonably harnessed, can become the engine of the state and thus contribute to the common good. So why not extend this insight to our present dilemma, and make new world arrangements?"

While concepts of "race" may be "nonsense," he insisted, "let us use this negative force for a positive end, and create a great northern economic alliance dedicated—if I may end on a chauvinist American note—to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." This would be the only viable solution, at a time when, "due to poverty in other sections of the world and a declining standard of living for most people in our part of it, emotions are getting pretty raw."

### **The Renaissance: 'an unmitigated curse'**

In motivating his proposal, Vidal outlined his view of history and how it came to be that "race" became an important issue. He wrote: "In the 15th century, it was as if there was a sudden big bang. . . . The white race in western Europe . . . burst its cage. Like a plague, we infected the western hemisphere, Africa, Asia. We were also, literally, a plague, carrying with us so many new diseases that indigenous popu-



Gore Vidal, who has called for a "northern white race confederacy," says plainly what his political masters in the "Southern Confederacy" wing of the establishment are planning.

lations often died out. Though our numbers were relatively few, we colonized. . . .

"In the 14th century, our race was more than decimated in Europe by the plague. In the 15th century, population revived—too much so. What were we to do with so many people? We broke loose and conquered most of the world.

"The wealth of the western hemisphere paid for the Renaissance in Europe. The wealth of India fueled the industrial revolution in England. We colonized almost every part of the world, imposing, in the process, our peculiar version of monotheism, one that is crude, savage and hostile to life. For most of the world, particularly those with older and subtler civilizations, we were an unmitigated curse."

Vidal also lambasted the institution of the sovereign nation-state as it was developed by Abraham Lincoln—whose victory against the Confederacy in the American Civil War will never be forgiven by the Confederates and their backers in Great Britain. According to Vidal, "Internal pressures are building up in all nation-states. In fact, a case can be made that the nation-state, as redesigned by Bismarck and Lincoln, is obsolete." Rather, he said, there should be a move toward "a mosaic of autonomous ethnic groups" throughout Europe.

### Send 'the coloreds' back home

Aside from the immorality and insanity of his proposal, Vidal is aware that the "northern" countries are hardly uniformly "white." In the United States alone, tens of millions of persons are Afro-Americans, Asian-Americans, Arab-Americans, and so forth, with different skin complexions than Vidal's shade of pale. Britain has millions of Indians, Pakistanis, Chinese, individuals of Afro-Caribbean descent, etc. Should one take the hint that Vidal is, implicitly, recommending not only preventing further migrations from the South to the North, but also *driving out* races that don't

conform to his Confederate tastes?

The point is most relevant in Britain. The same *Sunday Telegraph* which covered his diatribe Oct. 10, ran a feature on a proposal by maverick black Labour Party Parliamentarian Bernie Grant, that the British government provide money for the voluntary repatriation of immigrants who want to return to their homes of origin. Ironically, Grant made this proposal on the 25th anniversary of the notorious "rivers of blood" speech by British demagogue Enoch Powell, who had warned, in 1968, that liberal immigration policies would lead to massive civil strife and bloodletting in Britain. Grant asserted that Powell's forecast of racial conflict looked set to come true, declaring, "There was something in what Powell said. I believe there is going to be a lot of trouble in the future. Whereas I wouldn't say that Powell was right, I think he predicted something that is beginning to happen, and I suspect his words will come true, unless strong action is taken."

To drive the point home, the *Sunday Telegraph* published a letter from British Conservative MP Winston Churchill. Churchill, who earlier this year raised a ruckus by calling for far stricter curbs on immigration if race riots were to be avoided, wrote, "It is not often that I find myself in agreement with Bernie Grant. . . . Mr. Grant is doing no more than stating the obvious when he suggests that Britain can expect far worse racial strife and more victories for political extremism unless 'strong action' is taken. . . . We must stop fueling the fires of racial intolerance, by taking more determined steps to curb the relentless flow of immigrants to this country from Africa, Asia, and eastern Europe. . . . A financial package should be on offer to enable those of the immigrant communities who wish to do so, to return home. We British have no God-given ability to succeed in building a multi-ethnic society, where India, the United States and umpteen other countries are failing."