
The Truth Behind the 'Nordic U.N. Project'

How Swedish race hygienists became the U.N.'s top 'population experts'

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The United Nations will hold its fifth international population conference in Cairo in September. What is the aim of the political elite with this conference? To answer this question, one has to look at the ideas behind the U.N.'s current drive for political and economic power over world affairs, and especially at the history of those ideas, their origins in nineteenth-century malthusianism and "race science."

It is most enlightening to examine the political ideas of the Nordic, especially the Swedish elite working with the United Nations. The Nordic countries are currently involved in an investigation on how to "reform" and "strengthen" the U.N.

On March 16, the Swedish European Labor Party (EAP), affiliated with the international movement founded by Lyndon LaRouche, held a demonstration outside a conference sponsored by the Swedish National Committee for Population Questions, a preparatory meeting for the Cairo conference. This official committee is connected to the "Nordic U.N. Project," and both are based at the Swedish Foreign Ministry. When the malthusians arrived at the Parliament in Stockholm, where the meeting was to take place, they were greeted by demonstrators who handed out leaflets with the unambiguous headline, "Beware, the U.N. Is After Your Balls!"

Malthusians admit that Malthus was wrong

The elites at this sorry affair behaved as if they were cult members worshipping the goddess of "family planning," with the U.N. as high priest. They lied that they thought that economic development was "equally as important as family planning to reduce fertility," while in reality, they refused to discuss economic development at all and tried to silence those who wanted to bring up that crucial issue.

Instead, the only topic was how to curb the growth of the world population as quickly as possible. Endless discussions ensued on condoms, sexual health, women's "empowerment," and family planning, only interrupted from time to time by complaints about the "destructive behavior of mankind." Nonetheless, *EIR's* reporter was able to make

a few opposing statements. The response shows that these hoaxsters are listening carefully to what the opposition to the upcoming U.N. conference is saying, and are formulating their responses, albeit with little regard for reason, or even for logic.

First of all, they admitted that Thomas Malthus—the British East India Company employee who formulated the theory that population growth would outstrip food production, back in the late eighteenth century—had been proven wrong, along with today's top oligarchical organization promoting malthusian quackery, the Club of Rome. Anders Wijkman, the internationally known head of the Swedish Agency for Research Cooperation with Developing Countries (SAREC), the government body that dispenses environmental aid, said in his speech that "so far, Malthus's ideas on food production have come to nought. People are starving, not because of lack of food but because of poverty . . . just look at the harvests, they increased internationally 2.5 times, between 1950 and 1980. . . ."

"The Club of Rome said that the resources will be exhausted very soon and warned the world, but the critics attacking the Club of Rome were right, the resources have not been exhausted," Wijkman conceded. "But Malthus and the Club of Rome were still right, but in another way. *The renewable resources* are being threatened! The good soils are being destroyed; the ozone hole and the greenhouse effect threaten us all, and we are polluting our precious water resources. If all people consumed resources the way we do, it would be a disaster. . . . We would need ten planets of the same size as the Earth to be able to support 7 billion people at the same standard of living as Norway."

He even said, "I must admit that the increase of population has sometimes made it easier for people to come up with new, good ideas so that new resources could be created. You know yourselves how it is! When many people gather at conferences, for example, many new ideas are born. But," the hysterical malthusian added, "we cannot let this continue!"

Alf Svensson, the Swedish minister for foreign aid,

pointed out in his speech that Sweden also must have a "population policy" for its own citizens, because we should not "do unto others what we would not like them to do unto us." Therefore, we must, he said, reduce our level of consumption. "Sometimes people say that there is space enough for all inhabitants of our planet on the island of Öland," a small island in the Baltic Sea. "Yes, that is true, but *the number in itself is not the problem*. The figures must be related to . . . the prevailing patterns of production and consumption."

To sum up the presentations, the only arguments that the delegates from the Swedish committee used to defend the overpopulation hoax, were that "renewable resources" are being destroyed and depleted, and that population control is also a question of women's rights ("empowerment") and so-called children's rights—a term which has been widely abused as a means of undermining the authority and cohesion of the family.

Africans speak out

In an effort to counter this, several parliamentarians from Africa desperately tried to stress the importance of economic development, despite the rude behavior from the Swedes. (The high-ranking Swedish representatives, such as Wijkman and Svensson, left the conference just before the Africans were scheduled to speak.) One parliamentarian from Zambia made the following unassailable argument:

"Think about it! Zambia is a large country, six times as large as Britain. How large is our population? Nine million! How many people live in London? Twelve million—in *one single city!* . . . You are telling us, 'please try to control your population because the food is lacking' . . . but . . . do you really think that if we have fewer people, we will develop more?"

After him, a parliamentarian from Zimbabwe spoke, encouraged by the EAP leaflets: "The population problem must not be narrowed down to a question of family planning. . . . It is *a* problem, not *the* problem! . . . How can we give our women a good future, when the structural adjustment program [of the International Monetary Fund] is wrecking our economy? How can we talk about women's empowerment, when the economy is in the hands of multinational companies? How can we talk about giving our women a good standard of living, when we are not allowed to decide for ourselves what the prices are for our products?"

During the question period, when a panel of Swedish "experts" had entered the fray, *EIR* intervened. The only subject otherwise being discussed during the "free" discussion period was family planning. *EIR*'s reporter pointed out that the conference papers stated that the question of economic development was just as important as family planning. The fact that nobody was talking about development at all, and that the panel censored the Africans' demand that this should be brought up, was proof that the debate was being muzzled, the reporter said.

"We should worry more about the 40,000 children who are dying every day, than about the 100,000 who are being born every day! . . . I demand an answer from Alf Samuelsson [the head of the population committee] on what we shall do to make sure that nobody is starving ten years from now on this planet, and what we shall do to support ten billion people at the same standard of living as the Swedes in 2040."

The Nordic U.N. Project

The interventions by the representatives from Africa, and from the EAP and *EIR*, demonstrated to the hoaxsters that not everybody is willing to accept their genocidal plan. What made the hoaxsters angriest, was that none of the outsiders bought their lie about their "concern for economic development."

Why is Sweden playing such an important and nasty role within the U.N.? Sweden has, after all, only 8.5 million people. A closer look at some relevant figures shows why.

According to the 1985 book *Portrait of the U.N. Development Program*, Sweden gave \$729 million to the U.N. Development Program between 1950 and 1985. Denmark gave \$716 million and Norway \$397 million. This means that in 1985, Sweden gave \$87 per capita, Norway \$95, and Denmark \$137. By way of comparison, the Netherlands gave \$735 million, \$49 per capita; and Canada \$470 million, \$19 per capita. As the sixth largest donor we find Finland, another small Nordic country, with \$18.5 per capita. The United States gave \$2,309 million or \$10 per capita, and West Germany \$267 million, only \$4 per capita.

No wonder that U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali last year praised the Nordic countries as the only nations which were giving the U.N. the money they had promised to give, while all others gave a fraction of what they had promised!

What is the "Nordic U.N. Project"? Officially it was born in 1988 with the aim of "generating ideas and proposals as to how the Nordic countries could make constructive contributions to the discussion on reform of the United Nations." Unofficially it has existed since after World War II.

The "Nordic U.N. Project" has four official primary goals: 1) to investigate how Sweden can act as the "bridge" between the rich and the poor countries (i.e., to persuade the poor countries to accept the dictates of the rich); 2) to investigate how the strengthening of the U.N. shall be accomplished, the primary aim being the strengthening of the role of the U.N. Development Program (UNDP); 3) to strengthen the influence of those nations which are paying most per capita (i.e., to solve the U.N. financial crisis and to give the Nordic countries more power); 4) to emphasize the future role of the U.N. in dealing with "environmental threats," such as "overpopulation." (Points 1 and 3 are listed in *The United Nations in Development—Final Report by the Nordic U.N. Project*, 1991. Points 2 and 4 are taken from

Promemoria from the Foreign Department, March 1992.)

Two years ago, former Swedish Social Democratic Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson was chosen to be the head of an official commission to investigate this within the framework of the existing U.N. project. Carlsson declared that the U.N. in the future would have to have the power to intervene anytime, anyhow, anywhere. "Environmental threats," "lack of democracy," and "terrorism," for example, would require the U.N. to intervene militarily. This Carlsson Commission was actually making up plans for something which only can be described as a world dictatorship.

The upcoming Cairo conference must be seen in this context. Especially the declared aim to intervene militarily to prevent "environmental disasters" has to be looked at from this standpoint, because the creation of the overpopulation myth has been the pet project of the Swedish elite ever since before World War I.

From Strindberg to Hitler

A century ago, it was the Swedish oligarchy, together with the British oligarchy, that created so-called race science in "the Nordic race project," an expression the Nazis later picked up, when they talked about the superiority of the "Nordic race." Darwinist/malthusian ideas about "overpopulation" and differences among races grew strong in Sweden in the end of the nineteenth century. This began as a nihilist conspiracy around artists such as the Swedish writer August Strindberg and two Danes, George and Edward Brandes. It was they who created the cult of Nietzsche, introducing Friedrich Nietzsche to the artistic elite in Europe at that time. George Brandes made a tour of Europe in 1886, lecturing on the ideas of this hitherto unknown "philosopher."

Strindberg, who helped Brandes by telling all his artist friends to read Nietzsche, was a rabid hater of everything that had anything to do with love or the creative reason of man. He was an occultist all his life, and some of his biographers refer to him as a "proto-Nazi." Strindberg was a member of Lanz von Liebenfels's New Temple Order from around 1900 to his death in 1912. Hitler was a member of the same cult around 1909. In the cult's magazine *Ostara*, Hitler and Strindberg could read about what to do to "eliminate inferior people."

While spreading Liebenfels's ideas that Africans and women were "apes," Strindberg also spread malthusian "overpopulation" lies. Friends of Strindberg, such as Swedish Social Democratic Prime Minister Karl Hjalmar Branting, the Staaff brothers (one of them a Liberal prime minister), and the malthusian economist Knut Wicksell, were working inside such genocidalist organizations as Drysdale and H.G. Wells's Malthusian League, around 1900 planting the seeds for the later National Socialist movement. The demand for "family planning" was connected to the demand to sterilize "inferior people."

The eugenics movement could thus begin to spread its

Nazi ideas already at the end of the nineteenth century. In 1882, the Swedish Society for Anthropology was founded with this aim, and in 1909, the Swedish Eugenics Movement. This was not a small, obscure sect; it was supported by the whole establishment, from the far left to the far right. This powerful lobbying group was behind the parliamentary decision later, in 1922, to establish *the first government-funded race science institute in the world*, in Uppsala. The Uppsala Eugenics Institute influenced politics so much in Sweden in the 1920s and 1930s, that the government decided to approve sterilization laws in 1934. Between 1934 and 1969, some 63,000 people were sterilized (more than 1% of the population). Handicapped people and gypsies were sterilized, criminals were sterilized, and so were people who did not behave like "normal Swedes," did not adhere to "accepted values"—such as women "who read too much."

When Ernst Rüdin created the German Nazi sterilization laws in the 1930s, he studied the Swedish sterilization laws first. The Eugenics Institute's writings circulated in the original and in translation in Germany at that time, and many Nazi "population experts" traveled to Sweden to learn more about "the Nordic race project."

But the Nazis were not the only ones who praised the "Swedish system." The whole elite of the international eugenics movement was obsessed with studies of the Nordic race in the 1930s. Many of the influential families who participated in the 1932 world eugenics congress in New York, such as the Roosevelt, Draper, Kellogg, and Harriman families, tried to trace their ancestry back 1,000 years to the Nordic Vikings.

After World War II, the tactics of the "population control movement" changed. Instead of directly talking about "inferior" and "superior" races, they invented the phrase "family planning." Internationally, the eugenics movement changed colors and became "concerned" about population growth. The British Eugenics Society was transformed into the Planned Parenthood Federation. In the United States, the American Eugenics Society was transformed into the Population Council in 1952. The last secretary of the Eugenics Society, Fredric Osborne, became the first president of the Population Council, which was founded with financial aid from the Rockefeller family. The newborn "population organization" then began to experiment on Ibero-America and Africa, and with the aid of the U.N. population conferences, a racist new world order was invented.

In this world order, the Swedes played a very important role. The Swedish eugenics movement also changed its colors in the 1950s, and "the Nordic race project" was replaced by what today is known as "The Nordic U.N. Project."

Gunnar and Alva Myrdal

The most important individuals behind the sterilization laws in Sweden in the 1930s were the couple Gunnar and Alva Myrdal. Thanks to their lobbying, with the book *Crisis*

in the *Population Question*, the Swedish sterilization laws were the harshest in the world in 1934. The lobbying also resulted in the appointment of a parliamentary population commission in 1935, which resulted in even harsher laws in 1938. Through their work on the eugenics question, Gunnar and Alva Myrdal are directly or indirectly responsible for the murder of thousands of people in Sweden and around the world.

This is how they argued in *Crisis in the Population Question* in 1934:

"The problem concerns . . . all the not entirely perfect individuals, who under modern conditions have difficulties supporting themselves—this tenth or even fifth of the population, which is under threat of being eliminated in the harsh competition struggle. In dealing with this larger problem, we have to remember . . . that technological development and the related social organization tend to incessantly increase the required intelligence and character" of the individual.

What did the Myrdal couple believe should be done with these "not entirely perfect individuals"? Their solution was "the radical elimination of individuals highly unfit to survive, which can be accomplished through sterilization." The best would be to try to accomplish this "voluntarily," but, if that were not possible, "a sharpening of the sterilization laws has to be considered, which means the right for the institutions of society to . . . against their own will sterilize even competent people."

Gunnar Myrdal did not change his views just because the Nazis lost the war; in the 1950s and 1960s he became one of the world's leading experts on economics and "family planning." For this work he was rewarded with a top job as economist at the World Bank, where he worked to accomplish his racist goals. Thousands of people listened to him when he attacked population growth as something "dangerous." But he did not tell anyone that in 1934, he had written in his book on population that "decreasing the number of people will probably not increase the standard of living," and that "a people never gets richer, not even measured per capita, just because the population decreases," since "the capacity to produce" also decreases then. For Myrdal, population growth was fine—as long as it was among "perfect" individuals.

Hannes Hyrenius

Behind the scenes, we can find even more evil actors. Hannes Hyrenius, the chief U.N. statistician at the U.N. population conference in 1965, was probably a worse criminal than even Myrdal. He was the ideologue behind the first "aid project" in the world in which one nation gave another "aid" in the form of Nazi eugenics—of course in its new guise of "family planning." This was the Swedish "Ceylon Project" of 1958-65. Thousands of people were sterilized in this pilot project.

Hyrenius worked inside the U.N. apparatus for several

years, and later became one of the Swedish members of the Club of Rome. In his 1970 book *So Many People*, he warned, "We have today a population growth that under no circumstances can be sustained for a longer period of time."

But what did he say in the 1940s? In his book *Will to Live or Mass Death* (1941), Hyrenius wrote: "A regressive population trend is not favorable to society or to the economy of each individual. A moderate population growth seems to be more desirable . . . the most suitable size of the population is never something given beforehand. . . . The way can be paved for an expanded living space within the limits of the nation through improvements in technology and through the use of natural resources." Hyrenius then said that Sweden needed more people, and should do as Nazi Germany had done: "The developments in Germany in recent years prove that a consistent population policy leads to the desired result."

But population growth was only to be allowed among the racially "clean" parts of the population. The sterilization laws had to be sharpened even more and they should be aimed against the handicapped, the sick, and the dark-skinned:

"It is being said . . . that the Swedish racial qualities are good, and that no special measures are necessary. Still, this does not prevent that, through the immigration of foreign elements . . . a less desirable alteration of the racial qualities will occur.

"If you know that a certain group of people, a gypsy family for example, because of hereditary character, is inferior or destructive from a racial or social standpoint, it is important that these individuals be prevented from breeding.

"By preventing those individuals from breeding who, from the standpoint of the society, are of a lesser quality, we can improve the hereditary factors of our people and thus improve its efficiency and increase individual and social wealth."

Such statements clearly expose the evil philosophy behind the organizations spreading the "overpopulation" hoax today, which are the interests controlling the U.N. population program. Hyrenius wrote about how family planning projects were started in the 1950s and 1960s, in his book *So Many People*: "The work to aid underdeveloped countries began through private agencies, among them the Rockefeller Foundation, Ford Foundation, and the organization supported by them, the Population Council." Thus the movement to stop the population growth is no "grassroots" movement, but was founded by the oligarchy internationally.

There are many more things that could be said about the evil past of the "Nordic U.N. Project" and the Swedish malthusians, but we can only mention one of them here: the Nobel Foundation, which awards the Nobel Prizes. The chairman of the Nobel Foundation in the 1930s was the first chairman of the Eugenics Institute in Uppsala: Hjalmar Hammarskjöld, father of Dag Hammarskjöld, the U.N. secretary general.