

ADL intimate behind German Cairo preps

by Our Special Correspondent

A key German coordinator of efforts to muster German participation in the upcoming United Nations "kill the population" conference in Cairo, is one Klaus-Henning Rosen. Although he is not exactly a household name, Rosen, who currently serves as assistant director at the German Foreign Ministry, also happens to be one of the most intimate collaborators with the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and over a period of years has worked with the ADL in various underhanded operations against one leader of the opposition to Cairo, American economist and statesman Lyndon LaRouche.

According to German government sources, Rosen is doing the "responsible coordination work" for a flurry of events leading up to the September United Nations International Conference for Population and Development (ICPD). The first event on May 19 was a closed-door hearing by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Population and Development. On May 25, the National Commission on Population and Development—a government-sponsored "non-permanent" advisory body composed of representatives from 12 federal ministries, several ministries on the state level, and so-called experts on demographics—held another confidential session in Bonn.

On June 14, the gaggle of German neo-malthusians pushing the Cairo conference will then step into the public view with hearings in Bonn. Approximately 25 parliamentarians, government representatives, demographers, and others will testify, while a number of leading non-governmental organizations (NGOs) will be amply represented, including World Hunger Aid, the German Association for the United Nations, and the Hanover-based German World Population Foundation.

The June 14 meeting is being held at the Evangelical Church House, which is run by the Evangelical Church (EKD), the main Protestant church in Germany. Although the German Catholic Church is also planning to participate—despite Pope John Paul II's vocal opposition to the Cairo conference—it has had to operate in a somewhat surreptitious way. The Catholic Church's dilemma was referenced in a private discussion on May 16 with a leading figure in the German NGO network for Cairo. He whined that the Vatican had been "very destructive, very extreme, and very successful" at the discussions, in New York City in April, of the Preparatory Committee (PrepComm) for Cairo. He affirmed that the Vatican has "made things difficult for all that was

planned. There had been a draft document for Cairo that was all completed, based on a far-reaching consensus. Now, in April, the consensus was destroyed. Nearly everything meaningful has now been put into brackets. It was a real disaster in the end."

The NGO source also said that the aggressive Vatican organizing against Cairo had placed German Catholics in a most uncomfortable position. "The German Catholic Church, in fact, has a much more moderate position than the Vatican on many relevant matters, such as contraception and so on. And the German Catholic Church is being cooperative over Cairo. But now they are in a difficult position, and are acting somewhat in the background, simply trying to say publicly those things which put them into agreement with the pope, to avoid controversy. But if you read the paper prepared by the German Catholic Church on these issues, you will find it very moderate. It was approved by the German Catholic Bishops Conference in 1993, and out of 75 bishops, only one or two dissented."

Who is Klaus-Henning Rosen?

Cairo coordinator Klaus-Henning Rosen is a senior figure in the German Social Democratic Party (SPD), and was formerly an aide to the late chancellor and SPD chairman Willy Brandt. He is currently an assistant director at the German Interior Ministry. From his position in Brandt's office, he worked together with Irwin Suall, head of the ADL's Fact-Finding Division, in the spring of 1986, to help concoct the slander that LaRouche had been involved in the assassination of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme. Revelations following the collapse of the East German communist regime in 1989 demonstrated that this slander line had been manufactured by a special division of the East German secret police, the Stasi.

As a conduit for anti-LaRouche disinformation, Rosen utilized the magazine *Blick nach Rechts*, whose former editor, Kurt Hirsch, is currently under investigation for having been a Stasi informant.

Rosen's prominent position in the Cairo-94 preparations, from his vantage-point in the Interior Ministry, is noteworthy for another reason. The official German delegation to Cairo is being led by Manfred Kanther, Germany's interior minister, rather than by the ministers of development, health, or foreign affairs, as one might expect. This odd assignment is an indication that at least some parts of the German government wish to treat the issues of population growth in the developing world, and of refugee and migration flows, as high-priority security issues. Such thinking is in line with the recent propaganda wave recommending that "advanced" countries such as Germany build a modern-day version of the ancient Roman *Limes* wall in order to keep starving hordes of darker-skinned "barbarians" at bay. This "Limes" scenario, of course, fits perfectly with the population-reduction schemes that will be pushed at the Cairo-94 meeting.