

population research report II

How Rockefeller Nurtured and Controlled the ZPG Plan for Depopulation

July 27 (IPS) — The first section of the IPS Population Report (IPS No. 12) documented the immediate history of John D. Rockefeller III's control of the population program of the United Nations, thereby locating him as the actual "sponsor" of the World Population Conference. In this section of the Population Report we analyze the international dimensions of his Zero Population Growth (ZPG) organizing in underdeveloped countries. The third section of this report will focus on the heyday of family planning, the decade of the 1960s.

ZPG today in the so-called third world can be understood only in the context of the Rockefeller cabal's fascist program for primitive accumulation from that sector in the current depression. Today capitalism stands where the Roman Empire stood 17 centuries ago: it has exhausted utterly the last possibility for expanding production. In a hideous irony, the present food crisis — itself the concrete expression of capitalism's limits to growth (see IPS No. 12) — is being used as the chief argument for a quick "solution" to the population "problem" — a "solution" which will resurrect on a world scale modern-day forms of the depopulation policies which reduced the Roman Empire to barbarism.

The McNamara Plan

The Rockefeller cabal's program was outlined by Robert McNamara, president of the World Bank, at the September 1973 meeting of the International Monetary Fund in Nairobi, Kenya. To ensure that the third world would continue to pay billions of dollars in debt service on Rockefeller loans, McNamara decreed that the underdeveloped countries must become food exporters, increasing agricultural output while cutting consumption. Capital-intensive methods are to be replaced by slave-labor, as vast armies of urban and rural unemployed and peasants are worked to death to produce food for the advanced sector, where food production is being destroyed.

Under the ideological camouflage of "an attack on absolute poverty"; "redistribution of income"; and "increased employment," the McNamara plan actually demands that third world food exports increase by \$4 billion by 1980 through "rural works programs to construct roads, irrigation and drainage systems...and other facilities which make extensive use of local labor and relatively simple skills."

Already, under the "humanitarian" cover of the United Nations World Food Program (WFP), nearly a million workers in more than 60 underdeveloped countries are virtual slaves on export-oriented agricultural projects. They work in return for food rations which range from subsistence to actual starvation.

The careful balance the WFP maintains between the barest minimum of food required to maintain life and starvation is illustrated by one of its largest irrigation projects, near the Aswan High Dam in Egypt. The initial rations were allotted only for the workers. Rather than let their wives and children starve, the workers shared their meagre food allotments with them. As a result, the WFP reports, "the workers did not have the strength for the strenuous work at which they were engaged." Since the available work force was limited, the WFP was forced to increase the ration to cover the worker's wife and two of his children — simply to maintain the laborer's strength until the project was completed.

Rockefeller is set on rapidly expanding these projects to shore up the \$7 billion per year (and rising) debt service from the underdeveloped world. This requires expanding labor-intensive agriculture while simultaneously reducing the number of mouths to feed. The meaning of the omnipresent two-children "happy" family posters which are designed to promote birth control in the third world becomes clear: as at Aswan, Rockefeller's World Food Bank will dole out at most rations for a family of four. Each oral contraceptive and prophylactic distributed at a cost of pennies is an investment in the future success of the McNamara plan.

Where ZPG Stands

As the IPS interview (next issue) with Mr. Carrillo-Flores, Secretary-General of the World Population Conference, makes clear, the Bucharest meeting will go beyond the success of the last dozen years, the success of the "family planning" organizing stage of John D. Rockefeller's fascist economics. In essence, six key steps were taken in the 1960's:

- Broad dissemination of the bestial, false conception that "fertility control" is the key to economic and social development. The logic of this notion is virtually explicit in the shorthand equation propounded by the CIA front, the Agency for International Development (AID):

"resources/people = well-being." More directly — everyone is better off if no one is around to enjoy it! AID is explicit about its success: the rulers of the third world have been convinced to abandon hope that the "numerator" in the "well-being" formula will increase, and instead are instructed to accept the inevitability of reducing the denominator.

- Thorough indoctrination in ZPG conceptions of the ruling circles of the underdeveloped sector, resulting in the modification or elimination of laws restricting birth control.

- The same propaganda campaign in the advanced sector has brought increased government funding for family planning projects formerly financed directly by Rockefeller. The use of AID to promote family planning illustrates the mobilization of tax revenues to finance population control.

- As documented in the first article in this series, Rockefeller and his associates activated the United Nations and its various agencies — the World Health Organization, the World Bank, etc.

- The millions of dollars in "seed" monies which Rockefeller funneled to research institutions during the 1950s have paid off in so-called breakthroughs in birth-control technology.

- Many "LDC's" ("less developed countries") under incessant and coordinated pressure from lending institutions have begun to enact and maintain their own family planning programs.

Beyond the Pill

Based upon these achievements, John D. Rockefeller's current task is to "solve" the world population "crisis" by the end of this decade. This is the **organizing conception** — "beyond family planning," in the words of AID's 1971 Population Program Assistance yearbook — that is to be the focus of the World Population Conference proceedings. The watchword now is "a global strategy" to begin "the social transformation" which can "solve the crisis."

Rockefeller intends to use World Population Year as the vehicle for precise targeting of national population policies in strict adherence to the investment return demands of the McNamara plan for labor-intensive pockets of "development." Population planning can no longer be abstract: The Rockefeller cabal is undertaking the creation of a new worldwide division of labor through the demographic management of **deliberate**, massive increases in unemployment. "Beyond family planning" now must mean the acceptance of rapid demographic shifts on the scale of the depopulation of the Roman Empire!

Planned Parenthood

John D. Rockefeller's ZPG apparatus for the underdeveloped sector was initiated with the coordinated

founding in 1952 of Margaret Sanger's International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) in Britain, and Rockefeller's Population Council in the U.S. Financial assistance for the two organizations came quickly and liberally from the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations.

Sanger, whose birth-control crusade had been funded by the Rockefeller family since the mid-1920s, organized the 1948 conference, held in England, on Population and World Resources in Relation to the Family. There the concrete plans for Planned Parenthood were drawn up. In 1952, the Federation, today composed of 79 autonomous family-planning associations, gathered under its wing the small private clinics sparsely scattered throughout the world.



Courtesy of U.S. Agency for
International Development

Early substantial funding for IPPF came from a close ally of the Rockefeller family, Hugh Moore of the Dixie Cup fortune. Moore was charter member of Rockefeller's Anglo-American fascist cabal; a longtime Atlanticist organizing support for U.S. entry into the League of Nations and aid to the Allies in World War II; a consultant to the U.S. delegation at the founding United Nations conference; and a member of David Rockefeller's Council on Foreign Relations.

At Planned Parenthood's inception in the U.S., Moore paid the staff and donated the offices, while his agent Tom Griessemer helped draw up its first constitution. Under their direction, IPPF gained entrance to many nations in which it was initially impossible for Rockefeller himself directly to interfere. As critic, advocate and educator, not directly affiliated with any government, IPPF had the humanitarian women's social-work cover necessary for grass-roots organizing for the onslaught to follow.

IPPF's appeal has always been to the guilt-ridden liberal intellectual elite and to individual families, never

letting them forget the "domestic irresponsibility" of having "too large families."

The Population Council

The same year that IPPF was founded, John D. Rockefeller III called together a conference on population problems, the outcome of which was to establish the Population Council. Rockefeller was the Council's first president. He picked leading eugenicist Frederick Osborn to serve as his chief executive officer. After the first six years, Osborn succeeded Rockefeller (who then became chairman) as president.

Most likely, Osborn was trained in fascist psychological control techniques while a Major General in the Morale Division of the U.S. Army during World War II. Osborn set up the Population Council's first offices, organized its demographic and medical programs, and recruited its first staff members.

Rockefeller's choice of Osborn was appropriate. As described by Theodosius Dobzhansky in the forward to Osborn's *The Future of Human Heredity*, Osborn is the man "who strove to make the substance of eugenics scientific and its name respectable again." Osborn's "striving" was his service as vice-president and then president of John D. Rockefeller III's Population Council.

Initially, the Council used fellowships and small grants to U.S. institutes for demographic and biomedical research. This soon led to an expanded program of institutional development in Asia, Latin America and Africa. Only late in the 1950s did the Council enlarge its own staff and begin to provide direct

technical assistance to the research centers it had helped to establish.

The Population Council's primary aim was to equip and staff itself as the organization uniquely qualified to be called upon by governments at a later date to initiate personnel training for population programs. India is the case in point for the 1950s. In 1952 it became the first country to adopt a national policy promoting the control of population growth as a means of aiding economic development. In 1954-55 the Population Council sent a mission to advise India's fertility control program, laying the basis for the greatly enlarged program which the Ford Foundation instituted in 1959.

Young men and women from all over the world were trained under the Population Council's aegis, as described in the report entitled *U.S. Philanthropic Foundations*: "These trained personnel, returning to their own countries, supplied needed help to the census and other government agencies and stimulated recognition of the dangers of the too-rapid growth of local populations. A number of governments responded by asking the Population Council to give them advice on setting up "...experimental or pilot projects with the help of qualified consultants, looking toward setting up countrywide programs for reducing birth rates. In the great majority of these programs the consultants were supplied by the Population Council or were men who received Population Council fellowships."

The work of the Population Council is a classic example of "foot-in-the-door" organizing, the Rockefeller's **modus operandi** for introducing the general population to fascist schemes.

World Population Conference:

Governments to Party While Rockefeller Addresses Non-Governmental Population Tribune

UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, July 27 (IPS) — While governmental representatives reassure one another over a lowest-common-denominator "consensus" at the United Nations World Population Conference in Bucharest August 19-30, a more direct approach to population planning and demographically justified genocide will be presented at the parallel Population Tribune 1974. The Population Tribune is designed for non-governmental organizations "with an interest in population issues." According to the Tribune's brochure, the Tribune will provide a forum for such "interested" individuals and groups to "inform

themselves about population issues, to interact with delegates to the World Population Conference, and to help plan appropriate action programs related to population."

The Population Tribune is organized by Bernard Berelson, of John D. Rockefeller's U.S. planning group, the Population Council; Rosalind Harris of the Conference of NGOs (Non-Governmental Organizations), which is operated out of the Carnegie Foundation in New York City; and Brian Johnson from Rockefeller's British group, the International Planned Parenthood Foundation.