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'Population shock therapy' for the Third World: Haig's RAPID program

by Lonnie Wolfe

Over the course of the last week, *EIR* has uncovered a major psychological warfare and brainwashing operation run jointly by Alexander Haig's State Department and the Population Crisis Committee of General Maxwell Taylor aimed principally at Third World leaders. The goal of the operation is to force acceptance of the population and development doctrine of the Global 2000 report, the plan drafted by the Carter administration that calls for the reduction of the world's population by 2 billion people by the end of this century.

The centerpiece of this plot is the RAPID program, a \$4 million four-year project funded through the "international population programs" budget line of the U.S. State Department and the Agency for International Development (AID). RAPID, or Resources for the Awareness of Population Impact on Development, is designed, according to one of its project coordinators, Malcolm Donald, to "administer population shock therapy to Third World leaders and population and development planners . . . we are the psychological warfare unit of Global 2000, so to speak."

Who runs RAPID?

The principal contractor for RAPID is the Glastonbury, Connecticut/Washington, D.C. based Futures Group, a think tank specializing in "future studies."

The Futures Group was set up in 1971 by Ted Gordon, a former top employee of the RAND Corporation. Along with Olof Helmer and Norman Dalkey, Gordon developed a psychological manipulation technique known as the RAND "Delphi" method. The Delphi method seeks to subtly shift people's perception of reality by manipulating variables of available information. It is deliberately constructed to involve "groups of experts" in scenario planning, so that the targeted individual gets to participate in his own brainwashing by developing what appears to be his own scenario or choosing from several rigged scenarios.

RAPID uses a form of the Delphi technique on its intended victims, the leadership cadre of Third World countries. Taking data from a number of sources in-

cluding the World Bank, the United Nations, the State Department, but most importantly from the individual countries themselves, RAPID technicians "tailor" a computer program that will deliver a range of predictions for varying degrees of population increases on approximately 12 sectors of the national sector economies. The projections are in categories: high (current) growth, medium-range growth, and replacement-level (zero) growth. In addition, a "historical demographic" projection, extending current trends in population growth through the year 2025 is run.

From the outset of the program development process, the basic idea is to wean leaderships away from the idea that high-technology development of their countries is desirable. "RAPID tries to point countries away from Marshall Plan-style heavy-industry development," said Donald. "We used to tell people in the 1950s that they weren't developed unless they were industrialized. This led people to make the wrong decisions about their resources and population. The heavy-industry policy is wrong in general. . . . We are making sure that the population factor is dominant in policy-making. . . . Our idea is to win people over to the perspective that economic development won't solve problems, it will only make them worse. The leaders must begin to change their policy. If they don't, there are always elections, and in some cases the bullet. Things have a way of happening."

Every step along the way, the RAPID technicians work closely with planners from the various host countries. "This is key," said Donald, who works for the Futures Group. "It is very important that we make people feel that they are still in control of their own program. Our influence must be subtle to be effective. It cannot appear that we are importing a program. This 'home grown' aspect adds to the psychological weight of what we are doing."

The first target of the RAPID program is the development ministries of the host countries. "We work on the key people there," said Donald. "This is where the action is. If we really want to control population, we

must insinuate population-control ideology into the planning process." The next target is the cabinet and chiefs of state. Once the program is complete, a series of carefully run seminars are held for national leaders. These consist of verbal presentation accompanied by a display of the program on a portable Apple computer, complete with colored graphics.

"The computer is a powerfully convincing device. We can get people to change their whole outlook in the face of its overwhelming power."

According to Donald and others the targeted leaders "don't have a chance."

"The lights flash, and the charts appear, and there it is," said Donald, describing a computer indoctrination session. "It tells anyone who has eyes: reduce your population or face disaster. . . . The intended effect is overwhelming. Say a leader tries to argue with our figures. We say to them, 'Well, one or more of your own people worked with us on this, but if you have objections, we'll change the figures.' We don't give a damn. These people tinker a little bit and we pump new figures into the computer right in front of them. The lights flash again and new charts and numbers come out. The effect is numbing. It is all predesigned. It doesn't always work, but it leaves them shaking. We never have to shout. The figures do the talking."

The next phase

After this shock therapy is applied, sometimes in several doses, and a country's leadership is hooked, the next phase takes place.

Another outfit under contract from the State Department, the Battelle Memorial Institute, is assigned to go in and create "development-population think tanks." Battelle, whose headquarters is in Geneva, is one of the flagship operations in the international futures planning network controlled by the London-based Tavistock Institute for Human Relations, the British royal family's top psychological warfare unit. At the same time, a third State Department-funded group, the Research Triangle Institute based in Durham, North Carolina, moves in to train people in the development ministries. "We are out to take over their minds," said Donald. "All the way up and down the ladder."

Donald and his associates say they have learned from the handling of the Club of Rome's *Limits to Growth* report. Studies were made, profiling developing sector leadership cadres, on the impact of the report. It was found to have delivered an appropriate shock, but the psychological effects were not permanent. Most leaders ignored its "doomsday conclusions" and continued to push aggressive development policies. "You can't go around screaming the end of the world is coming, or yelling holocaust," said Donald, "because no one will believe you. We present a more upbeat

picture. But underneath it all, the figures quietly say the same thing as Global 2000 and *Limits to Growth*. The figures come off the screen. For some of the countries, the figures are devastating. When we run through the historical demographic section, we tell leaders that before we get to this point other factors will intervene—famine, plague, wars, natural factors—will cut down their populations like a meat cleaver. . . . After they go through the program, they are more likely to believe what we say."

The Population Crisis Committee connection

The RAPID program has been under way for four years. In that time it has prepared full programs for 11 developing sector countries and has another 25 programs "in process."

The coordinator of the project for the Futures Group and the man who oversees most of the presentations is Philander Claxton, Jr. Claxton is a board member of the Population Crisis Committee, the core group in the so-called population lobby. Founded by the late General William Draper, the investment banker who ran the occupation of Germany after World War II and the leading population reduction advocate of his time, the PCC functions as an "open conspiracy" using informal, top-level contacts to push its doctrine. Claxton, a Draper protégé, was the man who set up the State Department's population operations during the Johnson administration and held the post of coordinator for population affairs at State from 1966-77.

Claxton has called on the members of the PCC and its funding offshoot, the Draper Fund, whose board overlaps with the Club of Rome, to assist in RAPID presentations. But it is the PCC doctrine that underpins the Global 2000 report, as well as the RAPID and related State Department brainwashing programs. That doctrine was best stated by retired General Maxwell Taylor in a PCC-circulated document on the "Population Crisis and U.S. National Security Interests." In interviews published in this magazine Taylor advocated the "writing off" of well over 1 billion people, including most of black Africa.

It is no coincidence that the RAPID technicians have targeted black Africa, and especially francophone black Africa, for "special treatment." According to the Futures Group's Donald, most of francophone Africa is pronatalist regardless of their public positions. This is because the late Charles de Gaulle was pronatalist and progrowth, Donald stated.

"These goddamn countries are going to go to hell in a basket," he said, "with their idiotic progrowth policies. They pay lip service to birth control and then try to sabotage the programs. RAPID can get some people in these countries to understand things, but for the most part, they are too stupid. . . . If we are going to do

anything in Africa, especially French Africa, we are going to have to seize the development ministries.”

But Donald and Claxton and their cohorts in Haig’s State Department say that very little will be done to prevent the genocide of more than a billion people.

“I fully agree with Maxwell Taylor’s idea that not everybody is going to make it,”

is to prepare people for the chaos that this implies. It was goddamn stupid to go around telling people that you could solve everything with technology and development. Sooner or later people are going to start dying like flies because they have been breeding like flies. We have made several mistakes over the last two decades. We went in and played God. We lowered child and other mortality rates, through cheap tricks with medicine. . . . We fucked up with DDT. Malaria, a major killer, was eradicated. It was the wrong thing to do— we upset the natural balance. We let too many people live. Maybe we’ll get lucky and there will be another great killer. . . . There are still too many ‘do gooders’ and missionaries masquerading as policy analysts. They tell people with a little American knowhow, we can do anything, save everybody. . . . There is too much crap coming from the Reagan White House about spirit and imagination. . . . Garbage. We have to make decisions now to save what is saveable. If that means we let a couple of billion people die to save six billion, so what.”

But the RAPID practitioners do not tell their gullible subjects what they are really thinking. The most they let on is that they are “creating individually tailored Global 2000 environments for the developing sector.” “You can’t tell a Third World leader that you really expect most of his people to die—no matter what they do,” said Donald. “No way. So no matter what we say, we are soft-pedaling. It is a noble lie. We just want to keep them in their place.”

Justice, in their perverted sense of the term will be done, however. According to Donald, those leaders in French-speaking Africa “will eventually pay the piper. There will be a hell of lot less of those African fools in the next couple of decades.”

A final note

RAPID funding comes up for reauthorization in 1982. Its coordinators say that they have “plenty of time to get things really rolling.” Besides, they report certain support—possibly at higher funding levels—from Secretary Haig and some of his top deputies such as Assistant Secretary of State James Buckley and AID director Peter McPherson. They say such individuals support the RAPID effort, though they are certain that if the White House knew what they were doing, it would oppose it. “There is a great thing about this government,” said Donald. “It is possible to do a great deal without the boss even knowing what is going on.”

Origins of Global 2000: depopulation warriors

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On August 26, 1974, John D. Rockefeller III took the podium to deliver the keynote address to the World Population Conference convened in Bucharest, Romania by the Club of Rome and the United Nations. He was addressing the largest international meeting ever assembled to discuss the Malthusian zero-growth policies disseminated by the Club of Rome over the previous two years.

“There is a need to revise the concept of economic growth,” Rockefeller told delegates from Europe, the Third World, the East bloc, and a U.S. group led by current Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger. “Particularly in recent years, the limits of growth have come into our consciousness. The depletion of resources, pollution, and the energy crisis have made all that very clear. The character and purpose of growth must be changed.”

Rockefeller summed up more than a decade of planning for deindustrialization and depopulation with this joint declaration of war on the advanced sector economies and sentence of death for the developing world. But he did not go unchallenged.

An organizing team of the International Caucus of Labor Committees led by Helga Zepp exploded the peaceful facade of the conference. Zepp exposed Rockefeller’s zero-growth formulas as apologies for mass murder, and counterposed a human future of unlimited economic and technological expansion based on the development of controlled thermonuclear fusion power.

“I would like to point out that while you are having this nice cozy discussion, this conference is determining the future of human life,” Zepp confronted Rockefeller as he was leaving the conference hall. “You are pushing zero growth. And on the basis of what you do, 30 to 40 million people will die. You are responsible for the death of 30 to 40 million human beings. So what do you think, Mr. Rockefeller?”

Hundreds of delegates who sat placidly through Rockefeller’s address were shaken by the Labor Com-