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Fordham Jesuits call for plague and alchemy

Soon after the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party called for a "spiritual mobilization" against the United States, a collection of well-credentialed cultists met at the Jesuit order's Fordham University in New York June 24-26 to hatch plans for promoting a parallel "spiritual resurgence" in the West.

Held under the auspices of Fordham's Institute for Contemporary Spirituality, the Crossroad/Continuum publishing company, the devil-worshipping United Nations affiliate known as the Temple of Understanding, and the Club of Rome-linked Riverdale Center for Religious Research, the conference on "World Spirituality—The Meeting of Spiritual Paths" drew speakers from all over the world. They agreed that their main job in the months ahead is to "liberate mankind's spiritual side" by ridding the world of the twin evils of "modernism" and the "Western mindset," which they uniformly defined as the belief in modern science, technology, and the nation-state.

Keynote speaker Raimundo Pannikar, a Jesuit priest who admits that his stay at the Russian Orthodox Church "Third Rome" stronghold of Mount Athos in the 1960s was pivotal in shaping his own religious and political views, set the tone for the meeting by bluntly stating that "We have to overthrow the dominance of the Logos [the rational creative process which man shares with the divine] in favor of the spirit and the heart." Instead of more thought, said Pannikar, what the world really needs is "to reintegrate astrological awareness . . . to discover spiritual alchemy . . . and to dismantle anything and everything that stands in the way of spiritual liberation."

Pannikar identified the major obstacle preventing "spiritual liberation": technology. "We have to dismantle all technology! Everything!" he shouted at one point in the proceedings, and then, gesticulating toward the chairs in the meeting hall, demanded that they "be thrown out the window" so that people would be forced to sit on the floor. "We will never achieve spirituality if we have technology," Pannikar yelled. "Mass

agriculture, mass production is what kills the creative in man. Man was better off in the 14th century with bubonic plague than he is now with nuclear weapons."

Auto workers: 'we brake for Volcker'

A spokesman for the United Auto Workers Solidarity House leadership said in late June that the union has "absolutely no plans to do anything about the reappointment of Paul Volcker."

During Volcker's first four-year term as chairman of the Federal Reserve, the Carter appointee's policies have cut auto production 22 percent, throwing thousands of auto workers out of work.

When the spokesman was reminded of the UAW's past rhetorical attacks on high interest rates and the "Volcker policies," he retorted: "We don't like his policies, but we don't have to do anything about Volcker per se. The problem isn't Volcker, but Ronald Reagan. We will attack Reagan, not Volcker. . . . The way we see it, it could have been worse. They could have appointed [Citibank chairman] Walter Wriston."

Labor Department probes labor camps

The U.S. Department of Labor is investigating company work camps in southern Louisiana serving off-shore oil drilling firms with laborers who become enslaved to debt for bed and board.

In a two-part series in late June, the *Wall Street Journal* compared the camps with the slave labor system which earlier crowned cotton king in the region.

A senior International Monetary Fund official in the United States said when asked by *EIR* about the camps' practices, "This is what the productivity of those workers justifies."

The *Journal* articles, headlined "Louisiana Labor Camps Supply 'Warm Bodies' the Oil Business Needs," reported that so far about 100 labor camps have been found in

which the laborers are being worked for \$3.55 an hour and being charged for bed, board, soap, washcloths, and other necessities by the labor camps. The average worker is charged \$98 a week for room and board—which means the camp resident must work 27 hours a week simply to cover those costs.

A former worker in a camp reported he never saw a paycheck in the four months he washed dishes at an offshore catering company, Oceanic Butler. He said he was kept docile with doses of Nembutal and other drugs by the boss at the St. Mary Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, a halfway house which functions as a labor camp. The laborer was charged for the drugs and for five glasses of whiskey a day "whether I drank them or not."

Thousands of unemployed are caught in these labor camps, which cater to Shell Oil, Mobil, Texaco, Kerr-McGee, and other oil companies. Most are from the North, cut off from those who might assist them.

Hispanic controllers: thugging for genocide

A challenge to the anti-Hispanic leadership of one of America's oldest and largest Hispanic organizations came within a few votes of victory in a fiercely contested convention in Detroit July 3, and was turned back only by extraordinary parliamentary thuggery.

At issue was control of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), which since 1979 has been run by the Bonilla brothers of Corpus Christi, Texas, who support population reduction. In the race for president of LULAC, the Bonillas maneuvered their candidate, Mario Obledo of California, to victory with 132 votes out of 340 cast, exploiting weaknesses in the other three candidates. Obledo was Health, Education and Welfare secretary for California's Gov. Jerry Brown in the late 1970s and is a supporter of Global 2000 policies to shrink the economy and the population.

But six out of the seven vice-presidential candidates backed by the Bonillas were soundly defeated. In the seventh race, between Fernando Oliver and Tony Flores for Northeast vice-president, the Bonillas only

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shifted the victory to their candidate Flores with a credentials maneuver to rule Oliver's candidacy invalid from the chair. Oliver received more than half the votes of the assembly in an appeal to overrule the chair, but fell short of the two-thirds required, after Bonilla's men took control of the aisles and shut down the microphones. "We were told to cut your head off," a Bonilla hatchetman amiably told Oliver later.

Oliver, a teacher and political action coordinator affiliated with the National Democratic Policy Committee of *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche, made the State Department-endorsed Global 2000 worldwide depopulation plans a centerpiece of his campaign. He exposed LULAC executive director Arnold Torres's month-old decision to put LULAC on record in support of the "Population Stabilization Act of 1983," a Global 2000-inspired bill introduced by Richard Ottinger (D-N.Y.). The bill would make zero population growth, both at home and abroad, the declared objective of all government policy.

The Oliver campaign stressed a four-point policy program: 1) jobs through beam technologies and exports to the Third World; 2) classical science education and laser literacy; 3) drug education and a war on drugs; and, 4) dumping the Simpson-Mazzoli and Ottinger bills.

State Department uses Greens against Reagan

A delegation of high-ranking West German Green Party representatives arrived in Washington, D.C., July 3 for a week of official meetings with State Department and Pentagon officials and others. The delegation (which includes Green Party leader Petra Kelly, ex-General Gerd Bastian, and the former lawyer of the terrorist Baader-Meinhof gang, Otto Schily) completed a series of meetings with State Department officials July 5. The meetings were concluded with a "roundtable on disarmament" featuring Kissinger aide and State Department consultant Helmut Sonnenfeldt, among others.

Sonnenfeldt told a caller that "there is nothing sensational about this meeting. . . . I have been talking to them [the Greens]

quite often, and I know some of their most prominent spokesmen quite well." State Department Central European Desk official Kornblum said the U.S. embassy in Bonn "has been in regular contact with them." A source inside the American "freeze" movement said the Greens' trip had been arranged, personally, by the U.S. ambassador to Bonn, Arthur Burns.

The Greens will hold a "public action" in front of the White House July 7.

Club of Life to expand worldwide campaigns

Speaking in the nation's capital July 4, Club of Life founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche told an audience of 600 that the organization founded to end the scourge of Malthusianism will expand three specific 1983 campaigns to overcome the moral crisis facing the world.

In January, Zepp-LaRouche had termed 1983 as the year in which the Operation Juárez program for restarting North-South productive economic relations must be launched to avoid global holocaust. Ibero-American nations are on the verge of enacting portions of that program, following worldwide efforts by the Club of Life.

Now, Zepp-LaRouche said, the Club of Life must expand its efforts in three specific areas to stop the genocide the Malthusian Club of Rome and its allies have caused: on the continent of Africa, where thousands of people each day are killed and where nation-states are too weak to fight the forces causing the mass deaths; in Haiti and among Haitian refugees in the United States and elsewhere who are dying in concentration camps; and among the thousands of missing children, many of whom have been kidnaped and killed by child pornography rings.

Zepp-LaRouche also proposed to the audience, including members of the National Democratic Policy Committee and International Caucus of Labor Committees, that the Club of Life hold conferences on three continents July 24—Simón Bolívar's 200th birthday—as a show of support for Operation Juárez. That same day Ibero-American nations will meet to decide on continent-wide economic policy.

● **THE JOINT CHIEFS** of Staff of the U.S. Armed Services are quietly revamping their relationship with the President, Secretary of Defense, and field commanders to create a more unified "general staff" approach to military matters. In April the administration sent to Congress a proposal that would place the chairman of the Joint Chiefs in military command of the armed forces.

● **AGRICULTURE** Secretary John Block, speaking on "Face the Nation" June 26, defended his proposed further dismantling of U.S. farm production by insisting that there is "no shortage of food worldwide."

● **THE AMERICAN LEGION** Department of California, at its annual state convention June 26, voted to endorse the California Senate's Joint Resolution 23 supporting development of President Reagan's defensive beam weapon program. The resolution has also been endorsed by the National Reserve Officers Association, the California League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the Carlsbad City Council, and more than 100 trade union, religious, and minority officials in the state.

● **STEVE DOUGLAS**, former Philadelphia Democratic mayoral candidate and the Pennsylvania coordinator for the National Democratic Policy Committee, has received threats from members of the MOVE terrorist group now serving prison terms in Muncy Prison. During his mayoral campaign this year, Douglas outlined University of Pennsylvania social work graduate Donald Glassey's role in setting up MOVE, and the Wharton School Management and Behavioral Science Center's manipulation of the population in the Mantua section of Philadelphia where MOVE was headquartered.