

Prince Philip put on defensive by EIR

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Under the banner of protecting the environment and wildlife, the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) held meetings in Stockholm in the beginning of June. What they plainly did *not* wish to protect was the world's human population.

The WWF's international president, Prince Philip of England, spoke on the group's intentions for the nations bordering the Baltic Sea. At a press conference with WWF officials from Sweden, Estonia, Latvia, and Poland, he complained about the forces working against the WWF. "The ecological problems in the area are the result solely of human activity concerning industry, agriculture, forestry, and transportation. There are many large economic interests involved and it would be unrealistic to believe that we can achieve long-range environmental protection goals and conservation of the biodiversity without colliding with human economic interests," said the Prince. He set "ecological interests" against those of the human race.

Prince Philip was consciously attacking the livelihood of the world's population. Not surprising; he is part of an elite which steers the ideas that make up the framework for the worst genocide in history. At the press conference, Philip's complicity was revealed when *EIR* reporter Robert Zelizi asked if he and the WWF do not support epidemics and starvation, as a solution to so-called overpopulation in the Third World.

Philip grew noticeably nervous at the question, and delivered a 10-minute defense of the WWF. He denied he was proposing such horrors, insisting he wanted only to warn how serious overpopulation has become. Said the Prince: "The world population has actually tripled in my own lifetime. People must freely decide which necessary measures they themselves must take to solve this horrible problem."

Others at the press conference did not exactly follow the interaction between the Prince and *EIR*, and did not understand when Philip childishly tried to turn the question around so as to make it appear that it was *EIR*'s policy to propose genocide. "Splendid, now it's on the record that your magazine is proposing this," Philip said, looking triumphantly around the room. He found that no one else was laughing with him.

After Philip indulged in a further exchange with *EIR*, the press conference was closed down, and Philip fled. One of

WWF's own journalists tried to excuse his behavior: "The Prince doesn't like journalists."

Why Sweden?

The UNEP chose to hold World Environmental Day in Stockholm so that Sweden could turn over to Brazil the responsibility of hosting the next U.N. environmental conference, set for Rio de Janeiro in 1992. At first, it was suggested that Stockholm again play host, but, because of the debate on the rain forests, Brazil was chosen.

But Brazil will not be told that, on the pretext of concern for the rain forests, the country's natural resources will be stolen, and its women sterilized. Yet those are the facts—as could be seen when Swedish Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson supported giving George Bush's "new world order" ultimate power over the fate of the rain forests. Carlsson said, "Indeed, some have compared the present period with the great creative period of new, multilateral cooperation that followed the end of the Second World War. We now need a similar burst of creativity and commitment in using the existing multilateral framework to build a wider system of global governance, where common responsibility, economic development, and protection of the environment is the unifying thought. I have no doubt that towards the end of the 1990s we will say 'before and after Rio' in the same way that many people now say 'before and after Stockholm.' "

Carlsson also referred to a report prepared by the Swedish government for Environment Day; the report said that "in low-income countries, millions of people are suffering from the effects of high population growth, overpopulation, and poverty," and that these problems must be overcome to ensure the maintenance of a healthy environment and a good "quality of life" for the lucky few allowed to be born, or to live out their lives.

Bloody-minded Anders Wijkman

Of all those participating in Environment Day, the most ferocious was the president of the Swedish Society for the Conservation of Nature, Anders Wijkman. He announced: "In a recent study the question was posed: How many people could live on Earth at the living standard of the average Swede? The result was an estimated half a billion people. Already, today, there are 5.4 billion people on Earth. When my children are grown, there may be 8-9 billion."

Wijkman is promoting staggering levels of genocide. His proposal to halve the energy consumption in industrial countries by the year 2025 can result only in destruction of living standards. At a demonstration after he spoke, he was confronted with a sign which read: "Anders Wijkman is proposing genocide 100 times worse than Hitler."

"I could sue you for that," he threatened. However, when urged to do so, he fell silent. When he was offered an opportunity to buy a rope to hang himself (if he thinks the world so "overpopulated"), he ran away.