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U.N. 'human rights' mafia to enforce global savagery

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Upwards of 8,000 delegates from governmental and private agencies from every country in the world are scheduled to meet in Vienna, Austria June 14-25 at the World Conference on Human Rights. The principal organizers and promoters of the event are the United Nations apparatus and the myriad of so-called non-governmental organizations, or NGOs, which have sprung up over the last few years to do the policy bidding of the Anglo-American establishment which spawned them.

If the organizers of the event have their way, the Vienna Human Rights Conference will be a "happening" on the scale of last year's Eco-92 ecologist bash in Rio de Janeiro, and will similarly usher in profound changes in global policy, and in the very principles around which the world community functions. Where the Eco-92 conference signalled that defense of the environment was a supranational cause which could be used to justify the elimination of national sovereignty and the right of nations to development, the Vienna gathering is programmed to do the same—this time using the issue of "human rights."

But what do the U.N. and the NGOs mean by "human rights?" Is it a "human right" for individuals or organizations to regularly assassinate public officials, ambush and kill police officers, and raid towns in which mock trials are then held and every town official executed—as Colombia's narco-terrorists systematically have done? The human rights lobby says it is. Is it a "human right" to blow up tens of billions of dollars worth of physical infrastructure such as electrical plants and transmission lines, kidnap and maintain as slaves entire tribes of Indians, and advocate the murder of millions of fellow citizens in a replay of the Pol Pot genocide in Cambodia in the 1970s—as Peru's Shining Path does? The human rights lobby says it is. And is it a "human right" to advocate that indigenous groups be kept in Stone Age backwardness, and that entire nations be ripped apart and borders redrawn in order to establish new "Indian" nations? The human rights lobby says it is.

In fact, any political group or government which opposes this savage agenda, such as in Thailand or Peru, is already being denounced and destabilized by the



The first summit meeting of U.N. Security Council heads of state in January 1992. The U.N.'s World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna on June 14-25 is set for an assault against the sovereign nation-state, using the hypocritical pretext of "human rights."

U.N. apparatus and the principal NGOs—and by the U.S. State Department—for being “anti-democratic, dictatorial violators of human rights.”

The next step

The organizers of the Vienna conference hope to go much further than political attacks. The idea is to put muscle behind the human rights lobby, by establishing a U.N. High Commissioner on Human Rights, an International Penal Court to try violators, and “structures for the preventive handling of human rights violations internationally.” Any nation which doesn’t go along will be subjected to pressure, embargoes, and ultimately armed invasion. So far, the Clinton State Department has fully endorsed this agenda.

The way it will work, is that the human rights lobby intends to use the Vienna meeting to establish criteria of human rights and democracy which *they*—as opposed to the sovereign nation-states of the world—define as “politically correct” and acceptable. This closely parallels the way in which the “politically correct” movement has been imposed on U.S. campuses and intellectual life, where all efforts to discover universal truths are now considered offensive to the “politically correct” feelings of homosexuals, Indians, African-Americans, Chicanos, and so forth. The Vienna conference, in short, intends to deploy the “politically correct” Thought Police of the NGOs worldwide, and enforce their views with machine guns and the threat of invasion.

Although most nations of the Third World are unaware

of the full scope and origin of this assault on their sovereignty and simple right to exist, there is among them a growing realization that there is something very smelly about the U.N. and NGO plans for the Vienna conference. The ongoing genocide in Bosnia, approved and overseen by the U.N. “peacekeepers,” has hardly increased that body’s credibility on the issue of human rights. As the mayor of the Bosnian town of Zernica was recently quoted in the London *Daily Telegraph*, “Please do not talk to me about . . . democracy or human rights. They are all lies and hypocrisy.”

The human rights lobby’s agenda for Vienna was actually worked out at a January 1993 meeting in Atlanta, Georgia of NGOs and intergovernmental and U.N. bodies. As is clear from the summary table on the following page, the Atlanta Statement focused almost exclusively on the need for supranational intervention to “defend” human rights, and didn’t even mention the issues of national sovereignty and economic development, two of the Third World’s major concerns. By contrast, as the table shows, in parallel preparatory meetings, regional bodies for Asia and the Pacific, Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean nervously criticized the U.N.’s supranational focus, defended national sovereignty, and insisted that “the right to [economic] development is a universal and inalienable right and an integral part of fundamental human rights,” to quote the African regional document.

So a confrontation is in the works for Vienna. Its outcome, however, will depend on how far the nations of the world are willing to go to defend their sovereignty and right to exist.