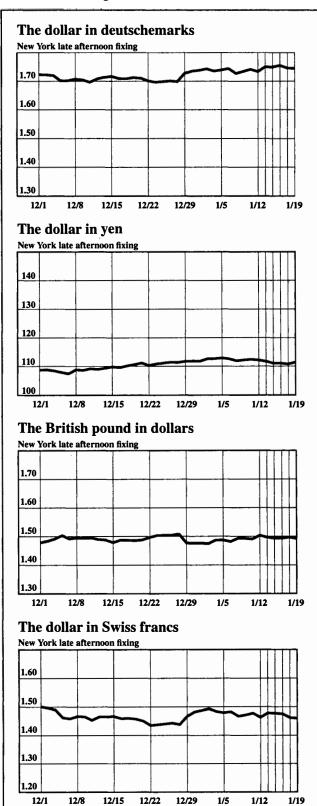
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African scientists reject malthusianism

In our issue of Jan. 7, we reported the extraordinary challenge delivered by the African Academy of Sciences to the malthusian propaganda buildup to the U.N. International Conference on Population and Development, which is to be held in Cairo, Egypt in September of this year. As Paul Gallagher wrote (p. 4), the short document authored by J.K. Egunjobi of Nairobi, Kenya, the head of programs of the African Academy of Sciences, "is meek and humble, but blessed and true. It nobly defies the dogma of the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the Club of Rome, and the sterilization mafia of Johns Hopkins University." We publish the full text of Egunjobi's statement below (subheads have been added).

The Cairo conference is the third of the U.N.'s World Population Conferences which are being held every ten years. The first, in Bucharest, Romania in 1974, was keynoted by such leading lights of the malthusian anti-population movement as John D. Rockefeller III and Club of Rome chief Aurelio Peccei. That conference, contrary to the plans of its organizers, saw a fight for human life waged by the Vatican and some Third World governments, and spearheaded by Helga Zepp, then a leading associate, now the wife, of Lyndon LaRouche. The second World Population Conference took place in Mexico City in 1984.

In 1993, the British Royal Society and the U.S. National Academy of Sciences prepared a "Joint Statement on Population by the World's Scientific Academies," which was adopted at an international conference in New Delhi Oct. 24-27, 1993. The Joint Statement is a typical malthusian tract, fraudulently assuming that no technological breakthroughs are available to the human species, to solve the problems of the availability of food, water, and energy for a growing world population. Professor Egunjobi's dissenting report was presented to that New Delhi meeting.

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The African Academy of Sciences has studied the draft statement intended to be issued at the Population Summit of the World Scientific Academies, and wishes to comment as follows: