

Opposition mounts against U.N. genocide conference

by Kathleen Klenetsky

A leading U.S. neo-malthusian who is participating in the propaganda buildup for the United Nations' kill-the-population conference in Cairo, Egypt this September, has publicly admitted that one of the main goals of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), as Cairo '94 is officially known, is to usher in a global eugenics movement, similar to that which led to the rise of Adolf Hitler and the subsequent slaughter of millions of "racially inferior" peoples.

The admission came at a May 11 conference in Stockholm, Sweden sponsored by the Netherlands-based World Development Foundation, one of the most important European institutions organizing for the Cairo conference. The featured guest at the event, which drew a number of Swedish influentials, was Mayone Stycos, Professor of Demography at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

In prepared remarks, Stycos lauded Sweden as the "mecca for demographers," and praised the savage Chinese program of forced abortion and sterilization as the best model for population control programs today.

During the question period, Stycos was asked by an *EIR* correspondent whether he would agree with the observation that Cairo represents a linear continuation of the 1932 International Conference on Eugenics, held at the Museum of Natural History in New York. As reported in the April 8 *EIR*, the 1932 conference not only laid out an ambitious eugenics program that formed the basis for Hitler's genocide program, but also elected German race scientist Dr. Ernst Rudin, who later wrote Hitler's race purification laws, as president of the International Federation of Eugenic Organizations.

Stycos completely concurred with the questioner's point, saying: "The eugenics movement did accomplish several good things. It has further developed because of scientific

improvements and technological breakthroughs" in the field of sterilization and other contraceptive methods. "If you would attend the 1994 Cairo conference, you would find that the focus is much on eugenics," Stycos added.

Stycos's remarks confirm the charges leveled by *EIR* and by the Schiller Institute, an international organization founded by Helga Zepp-LaRouche, that the ICPD has been designed primarily to carry out the same kind of global eugenics program set in motion by the 1932 eugenics conference. Stycos's bragging stripped away all illusions that Cairo '94 is meant only to promote "women's rights," and "voluntary family planning."

Such revelations will undoubtedly also contribute to the international resistance movement that erupted against the ICPD depopulation agenda at the third and final preparatory committee meeting, which took place in New York City in April. There, a coalition primarily of developing-sector countries, led by the Vatican, fought against blatant malthusian elements of a U.N.-drafted program of action, in particular objecting to the program's support of abortion and to its anti-family bias, as well as its failure to seriously address the issue of economic development.

Some of these countries are reportedly considering the option of refusing outright to sign the final document, which is supposed to be rubber-stamped at Cairo. According to the Spanish wire service EFE, there is a strong possibility that Venezuela, with Nicaragua, Honduras, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Ecuador, and possibly Argentina, Malta, Benin, and the Ivory Coast, may revolt against the United Nations and decline to sign. Other reports, as yet unconfirmed, contend that some countries may refuse to participate in the conference at all.

Opposition to the U.N.'s genocidal plan has grown so



Around the United States, demonstrations are being held in opposition to the Cairo '94 depopulation conference. Here, Anthony Hadley (right), a candidate for U.S. Congress, leads a demonstration in front of a Planned Parenthood office in Coalsville, Pennsylvania.

intense that U.S. Undersecretary of State for Global Affairs Tim Wirth was forced to admit recently that he expects some countries to refuse to sign the document, although he tried to put the best face on this by claiming that this would not undermine the ICPD's effectiveness as a tool for population control.

Cover stories wear thin

Although the U.N. bureaucracy has taken great pains to present Cairo '94 as a conference on "development" and "empowerment of women," to judge by the mounting opposition, this cover story has not worked all that well.

In Argentina, for example, the Cairo conference, and especially its emphasis on abortion, has become the focus of national concern. In the first week of May, a department of the Argentine Foreign Ministry issued a press release rejecting the mention of abortion and contraception in the Cairo draft program. The issue has become so hot that Argentine President Carlos Menem felt it necessary to speak out against abortion in his May 1 state of the union speech.

Several of the Roman Catholic institutions which have spoken out against the Cairo agenda, have also gone beyond the traditional, narrower focus on the delimited issues of abortion and contraception. New York Cardinal John O'Connor, has zeroed in on the fact that, even though the ICPD is supposed to be about development and population, there has been no attention paid to the development issue at all.

Similarly, the statement issued by the Latin American Bishops Conference (CELAM) attacks the underlying neo-malthusian premises of the Cairo '94 event, and stresses the creative capacity of man, which enables him to constantly discover new resources, capable of supporting increasing number of human beings. The statement says that human creativity has, time and again, overcome the apparent exhaustion of so-called "natural resources." In a section titled "False Premises," it states: "Moreover, these [zero-growth] campaigns are based on false premises: the Earth is 'overpopulated,' its resources 'limited' and its 'carrying capacity' overloaded. We believe that a minimum of seriousness requires that scientific work which contradicts this pseudo-evidence be taken into account. These notions or premises are, in effect, all relative. On the one hand they refer to man's ability to resolve his subsistence problems, and on the other to his genius for transforming into wealth the earth's elements." CELAM argues that "the wind, oil, titanium, sand, sun, and other elements were transformed into resources thanks to man's intervention" (see p. 32 for fuller text).

The Schiller Institute has meanwhile launched an aggressive campaign, not just to change the ICPD agenda, but to shut down Cairo '94 altogether. The institute is collecting signatures endorsing a statement from religious leaders, elected officials, pro-life groups, and others who see the Cairo event as a threat to man's future.

On April 25, Schiller Institute representative William

Jones brought these concerns about Cairo '94 to the U.S. Congress. He testified to a House Appropriations subcommittee on the administration's new foreign aid bill, which lays heavy emphasis on "sustainable development" and other genocidal measures. "You can't go into a nation," he argued, "especially a nation which is only in the beginning stages of development, and tell them to decrease their population, limit their production to the 'environmentally acceptable,' and learn to love the concept 'small is beautiful,' without creating a great deal of havoc."

The Institute is also sponsoring forums in the United States and in other countries to alert people to the danger Cairo '94 represents.

U.N., State Department plot strategy

The growing resistance has forced the U.N. bureaucracy and its allies, including the U.S. State Department, to scramble for a strategy to break down the opposition, before the Cairo meeting opens. As one State Department official said: "We want to avoid any fireworks at Cairo itself."

At a State Department briefing May 3 for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) which are mobilizing for Cairo (i.e., Planned Parenthood, the Population Council, and such groups), the issue of how to shatter the Vatican-led coalition dominated discussion.

A State Department official revealed that the United States is activating its foreign missions in those countries which so far have resisted the Cairo document, to convince them to change their position. The official also said the United States is encouraging those developing sector countries which support the Cairo '94 program, to work on recalcitrant countries.

When an NGO representative said she had heard that a certain Nicaraguan legislator had been "shocked and scandalized" by his country's collaboration with the Vatican at a preparatory meeting held in April in New York City, a State Department official eagerly replied: "Give us the name, and we'll send a cable to our mission there to have them meet with this guy," to work with him to reverse Nicaragua's anti-Cairo position.

The State Department has been extremely active in lining up international support for the Cairo meeting. This news service has obtained a copy of a State Department "action cable," signed by Tim Wirth, that was sent to all U.S. missions last October instructing U.S. emissaries to profile their host governments on population issues so as to forge "a strong international consensus around the need for global population stabilization and environmentally sustainable development" at Cairo.

"[T]he Clinton administration gives high priority to renewed U.S. leadership on international population policy," the cable says, and "will pursue a more comprehensive policy approach which stresses the need for universal access to family planning and related reproductive services, including safe abortion."

Documentation

'Where's the development?'

Excerpts from an article bearing the above-named title, by Cardinal John O'Connor, appearing in Catholic New York, April 4, 1994:

Walter Lord offers a number of . . . reflections on America's sense of its worldwide messianic obligations, in *The Good Years: From 1900 to the First World War*. And now the messianic obsession is with world population and its control, with some in our own nation apparently determined once again that the United States be the Master Controller. How is this control to be effected? Through massive contraception and sterilization and widespread abortion. Who is to be controlled? The poor, of course, especially the black poor and the brown poor, the Latino poor, the Asian poor, the African poor, the Middle Eastern poor. Why are they to be controlled? Because they're poor. They don't "have babies," they simply "breed," like mosquitoes, their would-be controllers would have us believe.

Archbishop Jean-Louis Tauran is the Secretary for Relations with States, in the Holy See. On March 25, he addressed ambassadors accredited to the Holy See concerning the Cairo conference. . . . [Q]uoting the pope himself, Archbishop Tauran told the ambassadors:

"There are some who would say that the major key to resolving the economic problems of developing countries is reducing population growth rates. However, one should look at the evidence presented, for example, at the Latin American regional preparatory meeting, which noted, on the one hand, that 'one of the most outstanding demographic changes in Latin America and the Caribbean in the past 25 years is the pronounced decline in fertility, from 6 to 3.5 children per woman, which reduced the annual average population growth rate to 2% by the second half of the 1980s, and, on the other hand, that 'the region took a giant step backward' in the 1980s 'in terms of real per capita output—which dropped, by the end of 1989, to its lowest levels in 13 years. . . .'"

Of course, many will laugh this off, but what evidence will they offer in return to justify their obsession with population control to the exclusion of all other concerns? The Cairo conference is supposed to be about population and development. Where's the "development" in the almost-fanatical passion to control the poor? . . .

Archbishop Tauran [further said:] "Population policy is only one part of development policy. . . . Health problems, agricultural problems, educational problems, etc., will only

be resolved when they are faced for what they are: health problems, agricultural problems, educational problems, etc. They will not be resolved if they are simply attributed 'en bloc' to 'the population problem'; such an attitude will only prolong their eventual solution. . . ."

Some people assembled around the United Nations these days have been having a field day at the expense of the Holy See and of the Holy Father personally. . . . The church always makes a fine intermediate target for those who prey on prejudice, ignorance, and fear, but the poor of the world are the ultimate target, and we had better wake up to that. *Poverty* won't be the victim of the cheap diatribes. Only the poor will be. Always the poor.

The Schiller Institute is circulating a petition to "Stop the U.N.'s Killer Conference!" Excerpts follow:

The one-worldists who run the United Nations are in the final stages of preparing for a major international conference on population. . . .

The goal of the International Conference on Population and Development . . . is to set the stage for an intensified campaign to drastically reduce population levels, especially in the developing sector. The Cairo conference is also designed to further consolidate the United Nations' emergence as a global government, a new Roman imperium that will rule with savage brutality over the shards of former nation-states, and reduce their populations to the level of animals. . . .

Since the very nature of the Cairo meeting is inimical to the welfare of the human race, it is essential that it not be allowed to occur. As Pope John Paul II rightly stressed, Cairo represents a direct threat to the continued existence of mankind.

All individuals and institutions who uphold the principle of the sacredness of human life must rally to shut down the ICPD! The Egyptian government, which is hosting the conference, must be convinced to withdraw its invitation.

What humanity desperately needs at this critical juncture is an ecumenical alliance that will defend human life, which is under assault from all sides, and that will force governments to institute the kinds of economic and social policies required to support increasing numbers of people at an improving standard of living.

An international conference on the dignity of man, that would bring together people of good will who wish to fight for a better future for humanity, would provide an excellent starting point for reversing the culture of death which has gripped our institutions. The serpent's head of neo-malthusianism and "free market" economics must be crushed once and for all. Instead, we must build societies based on the principle that man is made in the image of God, and that each child born into this world is a gift, whose unlimited potential for good must be nurtured.

African bishops blast Cairo '94 meeting

The official "Message" at the end of the Catholic Bishops Synod on Africa, which ended on May 6, calls for stopping the U.N. depopulation program. "During the Synod," the message says, "we became [aware] of certain orientations of the preparatory document for the Cairo conference. These create a situation in which there is a deliberate intention to impose, with strong financial backing, on the nations of the world as a whole the liberalization of abortion, the promotion of a lifestyle without moral reference, and the destruction of the family as it was willed by God. . . . We condemn the enslavement of man to money, the new god, through which pressure is put on the poor nations to force them to choose options in Cairo which are contrary to life and morality. We appeal to all men of good will to take action with a view to putting a stop to this anti-life plan, and we appeal to all believers to join with us in uninterrupted prayer that this plan may not see the light of day."

The bishops' message also contains a strong plea for a remission of the foreign debt of African nations, which, they point out, has been unjustly piled up through the imposition of unjust terms of trade:

"The Synod demands greater justice between North and South. There should be an end to representing us in a ridiculous and insignificant light on the world scene, after having brought about and maintained a structural inequality and while upholding unjust terms of trade! The unjust price system brings in its wake an accumulation of the external debt which humiliates our nations and gives them a regrettable sense of inferiority and indigence. In the name of our people, we reject this sense of culpability which is imposed on us. But at the same time, we appeal to all our African brothers who have embezzled public funds that they are bound in justice to redress the wrong done to our peoples. . . .

"It is a matter of urgency to find a just solution to the problem of the debt which crushes the greater part of the peoples of the continent and which renders futile every effort at economic recovery. Together with the Holy Father and the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, we ask for at least a substantial, if not a total, remission of the debt. We also simultaneously call for the formation of a more just international economic order, in order that our nations may eventually be able to take their place as worthy partners."

'Contraceptive imperialism'

Following are portions of a letter written by the Latin American Bishops Conference (CELAM) and directed to Nafis Sadik, secretary general of the United Nations Conference on Population and Development.

We, the presidency of the Latin American Episcopal Council (CELAM), its directors and presidents of the Latin American conferences, in representation of the bishops of this continent, whose population exceeds 460 million inhabitants, the majority of which is Catholic, write to you in your capacity as secretary general of the Conference on Population and Development which will be held in Cairo in September 1994 to express to you, and through you to all the delegates of same, our grave concerns and reservations regarding the purposes indicated as the primary goals of said conference.

Rest assured that our motive in writing you is none other than the absolute sacredness and value of life, God's fundamental gift to humanity, and the co-natural dignity of the human being, [which] precedes and is superior to any societal right or reasons of state. . . .

1. The Documents. The documents, a product of the preparatory discussions and meetings for the conference, are, in effect, worrisome to us. They clearly reveal a marked disregard for the basic human right: the right to life. This disregard appears in different reports from international organizations, both public and private. They confirm the UNFPA's [United Nations Fund for Population Activities] pressure on programs for the control and destruction of human life in the so-called countries of the "Third World."

These documents reveal the undeniable intention of publicizing, promoting, establishing, and imposing—on a universal scale—every means possible to contain the growth of the world's population. In the name of "sustainable development," considerable sums are dedicated to campaigns through which the world population "must be" stabilized. Today, in many developing countries, over half of all foreign economic assistance is tied to anti-natalist activities. Man is increasingly presented as one more product among many, subject to quotas and even criteria for selection, defined according to the "demands" of the "new world order." In the name of the "need to integrate population and development," man's existence ends up being subordinate to environmental and economic imperatives. In short, it has been forgotten

that economic and technological development has been made for man. . . .

2. The Incontrovertible Facts. Desolate facts testify to the implacable intentions of the architects of these programs. The Inventory of Population Projects in Developing Countries Around the World enumerates, without reservation, the programs projected, the funds allocated for those ends, the agencies implementing them, and the victim countries. Campaigns to legalize abortion are regularly launched in our nations. The Preparatory Documents recommend [that governments] remove "legal obstacles" and proceed directly to "structural adaptation" in order to better control life.

In some countries, unacceptable programs of sex education are being imposed, financed by prestigious international banking entities, and through International Planned Parenthood, and publicized among our youth.

Our countries' fertility rates are on the decline almost everywhere, and considering infant mortality and life expectancy rates at one year of age, the populations of our continent are aging and can only be renewed with difficulty. The situation of countries such as Bolivia, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Brazil, and Mexico are particularly worrisome, and the percentage of sterilized women, especially among the poor, is alarming. . . .

3. Our Protest. In the face of this reality, our duty is to publicly protest this large-scale violation of human rights. Each man and woman has the inalienable right to physical integrity, and it is incumbent upon the legislation of each country to protect that right against all those who would violate it, including international agencies, the state, bilateral assistance organizations, and non-governmental organizations. . . . The human being's right to life, from conception, is, moreover, recognized and defended in the majority of Latin America's constitutions, and should become reality. Nor can we permit our states' sovereignty to be violated, much less when that violation is the work of foreign agencies whose [stated] purpose is to serve those states, and not to impose a supranational power on them, in an abusive manner.

We therefore cannot remain silent in the face of these facts, much less when we receive information that the allocation of loans to our nations will sometimes be conditioned on the acceptance by "beneficiary" states of population control programs. Finally, we denounce the complicity of certain leaders of our nations who, in disregard of the dignity of their offices, place their mandates at the service of imperial interests from the rich nations.

4. False Premises. Moreover, these campaigns are based on false premises: [that] the Earth is "overpopulated," its resources "limited," and its "carrying capacity" overloaded.

We believe that a minimum of seriousness requires that scientific work which contradicts this pseudo-evidence be taken into account. These notions or premises are, in effect,

all relative. On the one hand, they refer to man's ability to resolve his subsistence problems, and on the other to his genius for transforming the Earth's elements into wealth.

The wind, oil, titanium, sand, sun, and other elements were transformed into resources thanks to man's intervention.

In the face of the real demographic problem, there are two options: drastic birth control, or "economic development and social progress in solidarity." With the latter, the goal is to have production grow at the same rate as the population increases, and that the new wealth created be distributed equally among the world's population. Simply put, the idea is to increase food and to distribute it better, rather than to reduce the number of consumers.

5. The Ideology Underlying These Premises. It is impossible for us to accept the materialist, hedonist, and egotistical ideology which inspires these campaigns. Their argument is that the security (well-being and luxury!) of the rich nations grants them the right to control poor populations, their resources, and knowledge and technology to which those populations would have access. We cannot permit a kind of "contraceptive imperialism" to rule, in this regard, the relations between "North" and "South."

6. What Our Countries Need. Public authorities have the responsibility to protect children, because they are the future of the family and society. . . . The criteria by which a child is considered a mere consumer, or even a parasite, have long been discarded for its malthusian content; we know that, sooner or later, the fate of adults when they age rests with the child. Let us again call attention to the millions and millions of children, especially in the Third World, who walk the streets without shelter or home, persecuted and even eliminated by the police, and exposed or recruited to all classes of crimes. . . .

7. Conclusion. We know that every totalitarian regime has sought to destroy the family, to statize procreation, and to control human sexuality. In its contemporary form, this totalitarianism has even gone to the extreme of legalizing the destruction of the child, the weakest and most defenseless of the family community. . . .

We reject [the plan] of powers and institutions foreign to us, who wish to throw us into a "demographic winter" which has already begun in many rich countries.

Honorable Secretary General: In the name of the nations of Latin America and the Caribbean, we ask that you be good enough to reverse the dynamic which appears in the Cairo preparatory documents, heeding the voices of the poor and respecting their dignity, integrity, and their rights.

Knowing that you are personally concerned about these problems, we ask that you protect the poor of our continent and the entire world against the manipulations of those who, abusing their power and making undue use of their responsibilities, reinforce, for the benefit of the wealthy, the mechanisms of domination and exploitation.

Battle for life in Peru is red-hot

by Manuel Hidalgo

In Peru, the battle between those who defend human life and those who favor genocide is red-hot. Voices in the Congress, the Catholic Church, and the press oppose the depopulation conference organized by the United Nations and slated to occur next September in Cairo, Egypt. Although the pressures of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID), and the malthusian lobby in the Peruvian government are very strong, many national sectors have come out denouncing the criminal agenda of the International Conference on Population and Development, and impugning the official Peruvian delegation to it.

On April 15, in response to the appeals of Pope John Paul II against this conference, the Peruvian Bishops Conference issued its "Message of the Bishops Concerning the Meeting on Population," where they emphasized their "full communion" with the pope, and called upon the government of President Alberto Fujimori not to allow itself to be influenced by "fallacious arguments without any support, which . . . attempt to establish a direct [negative] relationship between population growth and economic development."

In a series of articles published in the daily *Expreso* on April 24-27, the influential journalist Patricio Ricketts supported the pope's position, and denounced the "obscure reasoning" for which "the population control centers of empires, and especially the United States, will try to impose on the world in . . . Cairo." Ricketts named Henry Kissinger as the inspiration behind the notorious NSSM-200, a U.S. National Security Council memorandum which establishes birth control in the Third World as a national priority, because it considers that demographic increase there is a "threat" to U.S. security.

Ricketts charged that with the Cairo conference, "the family is endangered," and he called for saying "no to the human zoo" to be set up under U.N. auspices.

Violation of Peru's constitution

On April 27, Congressman Enrique Chirinos Soto made public a letter he sent to Peruvian Chancellor Efraín Goldemberg. The letter says that the official Peruvian delegation "to the pre-meetings of the conference" in Cairo "should be . . . publicly disavowed" for having assumed "an openly