

## Editorial

# *Man is becoming an endangered species*

Most Americans, including, up to a few days ago, most members of the U.S. Senate, have been completely unaware of the implications of a Convention on Biological Diversity, which will be brought before the Senate for ratification. The treaty was in fact drafted as long ago as 1992, at the so-called Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Its provisions have been kept secret, except within environmentalist circles, in the hopes that would-be opponents would not be alerted. The idea was to slip it through by putting it before unwary senators in the last moments before the upcoming recess. Fortunately, this attempt has been exposed, and a vote will not occur before September.

The treaty itself is another bizarre piece of environmental legislation; but worse, it affords enforcement rights to the Blue Helmets of the United Nations.

It is obviously desirable not to allow animal species to become extinct, but certainly this should not be a priority. The claim which is made by radical environmentalists that thousands of species are being lost every year is sheer nonsense. It is based upon reclassifying species according to a ridiculous criterion which would pretend that a black alley cat is a different species from the familiar gray cat. Possibly one species per year is actually endangered.

The notion that endangered species must be protected at all cost is truly absurd in its implications. If we are to return nature to its pristine glory, does this not mean that the natural evolution of species was an aggressive act? But who is to blame for that? Why not demand that the earth be turned back to anaerobic bacteria which once were the dominant life-form?

The biodiversity theory, if it actually were to become the basis for international law, would have very serious consequences indeed. It would dictate the removal of large fertile areas from agricultural production. While this might give more range to certain animals, it would very definitely encroach on man's food supply. With food scarcity comes malnutrition and the spread of disease. Already we are seeing an increase in malaria because of enforcement of laws against

draining swamps.

Unbelievably, the treaty declares that no human activity may affect the earth in any fundamental way. This could be used to outlaw all economic activities, from using fertilizers and practicing irrigation, to allowing livestock to graze upon the land, to cutting down trees, or to building cities.

Worse yet, the convention which the U.S. Senate is being asked to ratify is only a statement of principle. The actual protocols will only be decided after the treaty is signed; and, the decision will not lie with the Senate, but with a delegated body which the United Nations will convene, scheduled to meet this November. Any nation that ratifies the treaty will be legally bound to implement any protocols adopted by these non-elected agencies. While these protocols will not have the force of law, such a precedent is extremely dangerous.

The same environmentalist groupings which are behind the Biodiversity Treaty have an even more radical proposal in the offing: that there be a constitutional convention called to pass an Animal Bill of Rights, giving animals the same standing as humans under law. The "logic" behind this, is that man is merely a more arrogant and aggressive species of animal, who wrongfully dominates the ecosystem.

What is this but the revival of the most evil, satanic form of paganism? And this is precisely what our children are already being taught in school. Biodiversity is not a scientific theory, but a pseudo-religious dogma which denies such fundamental truths as those summarized by the Ten Commandments of the Bible.

More and more, the idea that mankind was created in the image of God is being degraded, as young people are seduced into the counterculture and encouraged to live hedonistic, animalistic lives. This is the paradigm shift in cultural values which began in the 1960s. Now the enemy has gone further: They would outlaw the human soul.

Now is the time to let your senator know what you think about this fraud. Let's defeat this treaty.