

# Parson Malthus goes to Tokyo

Two weeks ago in these pages we published a secret memorandum prepared in the U.S. Treasury and State Departments under Treasury Secretary Blumenthal's direction. The memo outlined the U.S. position for the June 25 Tokyo economic summit, calling on the United States and other industrialized nations to surrender themselves to the International Monetary Fund's "surveillance" powers—such as those used to reduce Turkey to a strife-torn hellhole (see MIDDLE EAST).

Since that incriminating "leak," the pro-IMF conspirators in the Administration have come out openly with the strategy of forcing a global energy shortage and a showdown with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries that they will use to force IMF demands on Japan, West Germany, France and the United States when the heads of those governments and the United Kingdom meet in Tokyo next week. Moreover, through U.S. Energy Secretary James R. Schlesinger, the IMF clique in the Administration has voiced the theoretical model upon which that strategy is based: Parson Malthus of early 19th century Britain.

In a speech to the International Association of Energy Economists in Washington, June 5, Schlesinger declared: "Neoclassical models of economics no longer work. . . . The neo-Malthusian model is more relevant to the problems we face today."

In its theoretical garb, Malthusianism says that growth of population will always outrun the growth of food and other needed resources. In practice, Malthusianism means suppressing the scientific advances that have historically invalidated Malthus's position. It means eliminating people—by famines, epidemics, and wars.

The irony is that, indeed, the "neoclassical" models of Lord Keynes, Milton Friedman, and all other approaches employing the incompetent measuring-stick of Gross National Product, do not work. GNP fails to distinguish between productive economic activity and revenues from gambling and prostitution. For this reason *Executive Intelligence Review* has presented, and will over the coming weeks be publishing key applications of a "Riemannian" economic model developed by presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.—a model uniquely based on criteria of technologically-advancing economic growth.

Adoption of the LaRouche model is crucial both for those forces in the United States committed to recapturing the White House for the progress-oriented American System, and for the Western European leadership that has thus far stopped short of a potent intervention into the Washington debacle.

It is true that the leaders of

France and West Germany, with the likely support of Japan, will arrive in Tokyo with an alternate agenda in hand. The West European press reports all-out "war" between the Franco-German partnership and Washington, a war that erupted into the open with visiting French Foreign Minister François-Poncet's attacks on the Carter Administration's \$5 per barrel oil subsidy and "Camp David" war policy for the Middle East.

As our INTERNATIONAL report details, the European strategy has the backing of Mexico's Lopez Portillo government and the Saudi leadership. Yet, both Chancellor Schmidt and France's President Giscard have undermined their negotiating position by giving lip service to the "energy conservation" line that ultimately traces back to the theories of Parson Malthus. If they are to succeed in reversing the Tokyo agenda, there is no choice but to take up the only competent alternative model—ours.

—Nora Hamerman

## The Week in Brief

**Which way for Italy now?** Last week, this column reported **promising initiatives** from Italian Prime Minister **Giulio Andreotti** and his collaborators in the **Italian Communist Party**, whose informal ruling alliance has made Italy a focus of a potential **independent European policy** against a London-Washington-Peking Jerusalem war axis. **But the fraud-tainted elections** June 3-4 delivered a heavy blow to the prodevelopment Italian forces by delivering substantially **diminished returns to the Communists**, shifting the balance in the Christian Democracy away from Andreotti's

faction, and giving a **larger voice** to the marginal small parties such as NATO-run "**Social Democrats**" and the openly fascist Radical Party of Marco Pannella. The European Labor Party is mounting a national campaign to **demand new elections** and latest reports are that a number of Christian Democrats may join the drive. Moreover, **Andreotti surprised everyone** June 6 by demanding a **continuation of his mandate** until at least September, as well as of the **antiterrorism program** which was the mainstay of the Catholic-Communist alliance. This could work—if the ELP