

Dateline Mexico by Josefina Menéndez

Who's pushing genocide in Mexico?

*Carter's Global 2000 report surfaced in Mexico this week—
with some strange backers.*

A Spanish translation of the "Global 2000" report has begun circulating throughout Mexican government offices in recent weeks. It has appeared so far in the Health Ministry, the Mexican Social Security Institutes, the National Population Council, and elsewhere. The press has already started to give it steady coverage.

As *EIR's* regular readers know, the *Global 2000 Report* was written by the State Department on the request of President Jimmy Carter, and it has been adopted as official policy by the new secretary of state, Alexander Haig.

As we approach the 21st century, it argues that global resource scarcity requires: 1) that the Third World abandon its hopes of development; 2) that stagnation be the norm in the developed nations; and 3) that the world's population be drastically reduced by whatever means necessary.

One asks why in the world an oil-rich, optimistic nation like Mexico should show any interest in such Malthusian prophecies of gloom. Who in Mexico could possibly endorse such an outlook?

It was not hard to discover that the job of distributing *Global 2000* in Mexico was carried out by none other than the U.S. embassy in Mexico City—with some help from local friends.

Shortly before the appearance of the Spanish version, *Global 2000's* director, Gerald Barney, was

brought to Mexico by the U.S. embassy to deliver a round of speeches on the document he had co-authored. At first, Barney's talks were limited to a closed group of embassy personnel. Then he went public, with presentations at various universities such as the Colegio de México, whose director, Victor Urquidi, is a member of the Club of Rome.

Barney also actively lobbied with various government officials and business leaders, with his warmest reception coming from the opposition political parties.

After returning to the U.S., Barney himself reported that he had found considerable acceptance of his anti-growth study, but that the strongest support came from the Mexican left—especially the Communist Party. That should come as no surprise, since the Mexican Communists supported the infamous butcher of Cambodia, Pol Pot.

Mexico's major media have also been displaying their support for *Global 2000* and similar anti-progress theories. The major Mexico city daily, *Uno más Uno*, last week ran excerpts from *Global 2000*. And that same paper, along with *Excelsior*, ran extensive interviews with Mexico's environmentalist leaders expostulating on the great damage done to Mexico by its industrialization drive.

Mexico City mayor Hank González, long a partisan of this dark

ages faction, added his two bits this week by setting up an Ecological Commission supposedly charged with preventing anything from "harming the city's environment."

Exemplary of the kind of "Mexicans" who have allied with Haig's *Global 2000* and related environmentalist push in Mexico is the well-known "intellectual" and writer, Juan María Alponete, who is on record in *Uno más Uno* endorsing *Global 2000*.

Alponete, who is not Mexican but Spanish, is a queer fellow. According to some reliable Mexican sources, he uses a set of pseudonyms, including Hernando Pacheco, Enrique Ruiz García, and Restituto de la Sierva. Under these various identities, Sr. Alponete—according to published accounts in the Mexican press—1) collects a cool \$20,000 check every month from Ceestem, former President Echeverría's think tank; 2) advises the telephone workers' union, currently threatening to launch a major strike; 3) teaches impressionable youngsters at the national university, where he is viewed as "the guru of dialectics"; and 4) writes for periodicals like *Uno más Uno*, where his largely unintelligible articles are invariably focused on opposition to any plan to industrialize Mexico.

Most interesting of all is the revelation in the Mexico City press this week that Alponete, back in the 1940s and 1950s in Spain, was "always at the service of dictator Franco and was obviously a leading member of the Opus Dei. . . . He volunteered for the Blue Division, which fought against the Russians along with the Nazi army" during World War II.

Such is the pedigree of *Global 2000's* supporters in Mexico.