

U.N., State Department, and IMF administer Africa's total breakdown

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U.N. Secretary General Javier Pérez de Cuellar has announced that the United Nations' General Assembly in September will feature discussion on a brutal new United Nations study, whose conclusion is that Africa "must learn to live" with drought, desertification, famine, and disease. The study, based upon a fraudulent and incompetent computer simulation to obtain "500-year trends," forecasts that the future may hold a similar fate for as many as 74 countries worldwide.

Titled "Countries Stricken by Desertification and Drought," the study's basic scientific fallacy is to overlook the role of human technological development in transforming nature. Based upon the well-known bias of the United Nations and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) against large-scale infrastructure development projects, the study completely ignores the human capability to make the deserts bloom, with modern technology and industrial development—as the cases of the Imperial Valley of California, Israel's rehabilitation of desert areas, and Egypt's "New Cities" projects demonstrate.

The U.N. report states that 74 countries have experienced severe shortages of rainfall or are hit by desertification: 40 are African, 12 Middle Eastern, 10 Latin American, 6 Asian, and 2 European. Among industrialized nations, the U.S.S.R., U.S.A., Israel, and Australia are included. The list was compiled from the "Desertification Map of the World," which was accepted by the U.N. Conference on Desertification in Nairobi, Kenya. Computerized simulations of 500-year weather patterns indicated that the present drought in Africa is within a "normal range of variability. The logical, if disturbing, conclusion that must be drawn is that drought is a recurrent phenomenon that the drought-stricken countries, especially in Africa, must learn to live with."

Worse than the Black Death

In fact, the United Nations, along with the U.S. State Department, is wittingly complicit with the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, and the Swiss health cartel in administering "population reduction" programs which they know to be genocidal. George Shultz's State Department is operating from the standpoint of the notorious "Global 2000"

policy, prepared during the Carter administration as a blueprint for genocide in Africa and elsewhere in the developing sector. The Africa Emergency Task Force desk officer at the State Department's Agency for International Development (AID) recently revealed that State is monitoring the migration of huge groups of displaced Africans from place to place, after they hear rumors that food can be found in one place or another. As starving people hobble from one unsanitary area to another, the conditions for deadly disease propagation are maximized. When they arrive at their destinations, no food awaits them. They are roaming on one-way death marches, spreading disease across the continent.

In the spring of this year, as the first reports of disease outbreaks in the refugee camps surfaced, *EIR* warned that the refugee camps for victims of famine were turning into breeding grounds for cholera, a diarrheal disease which can be easily and cheaply cured, but which has a devastating rate of fatality if not treated.

In July *EIR* published a Special Report, "Economic Breakdown and the Threat of Global Pandemics," which presented the most likely scenarios for the way in which the African epidemics could take off globally. Every bit of news from Africa now is confirming our assessment of the causal relation between the economic program of the IMF and World Bank, and the outbreak of disease. In the exact target zones which these institutions mapped for extinction over a decade ago, the cholera epidemic is raging out of control. It has spread all across sub-Saharan Africa, from Somalia to Mali. And it is poised for a full-scale global pandemic breakout.

This genocide is occurring under the meticulous supervision of the Swiss-based International Red Cross, the Swiss-based World Health Organization, and the United Nations, supervised by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the United Nations' Disaster Relief Agency (UNDRO).

The latest reports on the spread of cholera in Africa and Asia indicate that the situation is undergoing a qualitative "phase change" for the worse, spreading beyond the refugee camps, and may well be approaching the point of no return.

The latest developments include:

- An epidemic of cholera has broken out among some 1.3 million refugees in Sudan, with the beginning of the rainy season, according to a Japanese volunteer group. An estimated half a million people have contracted cholera and many infants died during July, reported Yoshitaka Hatakeyama, a member of an eight-man Japanese medical aid team. He stated that the lives of some 100,000 refugees in remote areas are at stake because these people are being isolated by heavy rains. No railway services or trucks can reach the areas because of flooding.

- There are reports of a spreading cholera epidemic in Khartoum, Sudan. More than 50 cases have been confirmed. The disease was first identified at the Wad Kowli refugee camp. The death rate from cholera in Khartoum and Port Sudan is said to be much higher than in the refugee camps.

- There are spreading cholera epidemics in the Ethiopian capital of Adis Ababa. A European doctor there reports 50 new cases a day coming into one hospital a day, while a Western diplomat estimates 300 new cases daily. Spokesmen for Ethiopia's Ministry of Health decline to comment. According to foreign doctors, hospital employees have been instructed not to speak of the epidemic, "under threat of imprisonment."

- Outbreaks have occurred in the north and south of Ethiopia, and in neighboring Somalia and Djibouti.

- According to the U.N. Disaster Relief Agency, more than 500 people have died among 2,500 cholera victims in Mali this year. UNDR0 reports that 172 people had recently died, among 1,031 new cases hit by the disease in only four weeks. The death toll for the first seven months of this year is 547. The situation is deteriorating due to the rainy season.

- Cholera has killed 476 in Senegal since October 1984, according to the country's official daily *Le Soleil*. Health ministry officials say seven out of nine Senegalese regions have been hit by cholera. There are cholera outbreaks as well in three other West African states, Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta), Niger, and Mali.

Cholera, AIDS, and economic collapse

The witting complicity of the IMF and World Bank in encouraging epidemics, to meet their grisly "population reduction" quotas in the areas of what Robert McNamara has termed the "Fourth World," is extensively documented in *EIR's* Special Report, cited above.

Cholera may now be endemic in as many as 90 countries worldwide and at least 22 countries in Africa, where the epidemics are now breaking out beyond the refugee camps. This represents the first phase in a repeat of the notorious 19th-century British colonial cholera epidemics which ravaged India and then spread around the world. The disease is a consequence of colonial looting policies, because it occurs in conjunction with malnutrition and slave-labor practices. That the waves of depopulation which result from the out-

break of the disease are consciously designed, is indicated by the fact that the cure for cholera costs about 10¢ a packet. The majority of cases are treated by a sugar and salt combination mixed with uncontaminated water (oral rehydration therapy).

Despite the mass media panic-mongering on the subject of AIDS, the causal relationship between IMF-caused conditions of economic collapse and the rapid proliferation of AIDS—the disease which several experts have called the "Black Death of the 20th Century"—is persistently blacked out.

The three most crucial facts are these:

- 1) There is a growing mass of scientific data which indicates that the AIDS virus can be directly traced to the very zone in the central portion of Africa which the IMF and World Bank over 10 years ago officially "triaged," when they gave this area around Zaire the designation of a so-called Fourth World area. In the IMF and World Bank's strategy, "Fourth World" zones were to be completely cut off from credit for productive investment. Nine African countries are now seriously affected by AIDS; in the cities of Zaire, 1 person in 10 is carrying the virus, and in one study in Uganda, 20% of those sampled were carriers.

- 2) AIDS is not merely a disease among homosexuals in Hollywood, New York, and San Francisco, but is a global pandemic currently killing victims across Africa, in over 17 European countries, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, China, and Ibero-America. While there have been over 12,000 officially reported cases in the United States, various experts believe that the actual number is far, far greater. A recent study published in the journal *Stanford Medicine* conjectured that the true number of AIDS cases in the United States is probably 3 times, and possibly as much as 10 times, greater than the reported number.

Furthermore, public health officials in Florida are convinced that the unusually high outbreak of AIDS in their state is directly related to economic collapse, but that the official U.S. health-monitoring institutions are biased against acknowledging the causal relation between AIDS and economic breakdown.

- 3) Scientists are discovering that there is a direct linkage between AIDS and various other diseases which are typically transmitted in conditions of economic breakdown. These diseases include tuberculosis, African sleeping sickness (or trypanosomiasis), and hepatitis B.

Institutions such as the IMF, United Nations, and the U.S. State Department are aggressively implementing policies and programs which will make the global pandemic situation dramatically worse. In short, the outbreak of diseases in Africa and their inevitable importation to the United States, Europe, and the rest of the world, are economic and political questions of the gravest concern to all mankind. Viruses respect no frontiers.